



## **Saskatchewan Cycling Association Awards 2018 Achievers at AGM**

Thank you to all the dedicated athletes and devoted volunteers that helped shaped the 2018 cycling year. With enthusiasm and hard work like yours, success was certain to be achieved. Well done. We are looking forward to a great 2019.

On behalf of the SCA Board of Directors, SCA Committee Members & Executive Director.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob".

Rob Walcer - President, SCA

### **President's Award: Marc Quinnett**

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

Marc is a most worthy candidate for the SCA President's award based on his long and dedicated service to organizing and promoting cyclocross for 20 years in Regina. Marc has continuously served as either VP-Cross or as a committee member. He is largely responsible for the establishment and growth of the sport in Regina, which in turn has contributed to the sport's success in Saskatchewan. Even our success nationally can be partly traced back to Marc's hard work.

Over the last twenty years Marc has almost single handedly run the two-month long weekly race series, which includes weekend events, by setting up and taking down a variety of courses. Marc encourages new riders by delivering learn to ride clinics at the start of the race season and by leading the course pre-rides. Marc has also organized many of the Sask. Cup and Provincial Championship races held in Regina and brings out his family to volunteer. Now that Cross has grown and matured, other club members are sharing the workload. But Marc continues to be the key volunteer by maintaining and storing the course equipment which he manages for all Regina races.

Marc is now the longest serving continuous RCC club member, having supported the club for almost 40 years as both a competitor and volunteer at road and mountain bike races. And lastly, Marc's kind demeanor has made the RCC and ORS Clubs and our sport more welcoming for new riders.

## SCA Recognition for Service: Bob Cochran's 20 Year Service Award

*The purpose of this award is to recognize long term volunteer service with SCA. Awards are presented for 5, 10, 15, 20 years of service on the SCA Board of Directors, Club President or SCA Committee.*



Rob Walcer presenting to Bob Cochran. Thank you, Bob, for all you great work!

## Ken Wilson Award: Keely Shaw

*Ken Wilson Achievement Award presented in memory of Ken Wilson, in recognition of his extensive service to Saskatchewan Cycling Association. Ken was an active racer, commissaire and volunteer. To recognize a member of the SCA who has achieved an outstanding personal result in a timed cycle event in the time period since the previous SCA awards ceremony.*

*Nomination: Anyone can nominate a member of the SCA for this Award. Nominations are submitted to the SCA Executive Committee and include a description of the event, the achievement and why the achievement is outstanding.*

*Selection: Award winner to be selected by a committee (as chosen by the HP Committee), Member of the Development Committee (as chosen by the Dev Committee), President of Cycledelia Racing Club or designate, Provincial Level Coach Trophy Donated by Cycledelia Racing Club.*

2018 was a breakout year for Keely. She was invited by Cycling Canada to participate at Paracycling World Championship in Rio De Janeiro. This was her first international cycling event and Keely finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the individual pursuit. She was 3 seconds out of a medal position. Keely was also invited to be a member of the NexGen program and train under the Cycling Canada para team. Keely also raced as part of Team Canada at the para-road World Cup in July Keely won a silver medal in the C4 time trial.

While Keely is travelling and competing at international competitions she is proud of her Saskatchewan roots and shares positive social posts about being a Saskatchewan cyclist.

## **Outstanding Volunteer in Recreation & Transportation Sector Award:**

**Don Cook**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer contributions in the R&T Sector. The same member cannot be awarded in consecutive years.*

## **Cameco Volunteer Award – Recognize outstanding Volunteer Contribution in Mountain Biking: Jeff Hehn**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer contributions in Mountain Biking. The same member cannot be awarded in consecutive years.*



Jeff's volunteer work for the cycling community has significantly enhanced both the recreational and competitive aspects of the sport in Saskatchewan. Jeff's accomplishments are many: Founded the Flat Landers Fat Tire Brigade – the first and only fat bike specific club in Canada. Established St. Barbe Winter Trails – the only officially sanctioned groomed fat bike trails in Saskatoon. Jeff has spent countless hours organizing and participating in the construction and maintenance of trails. Organizing numerous bike related events and competitions (Valapooloza, Wintershine, Sandlanders, Sask 60, etc). Jeff supports other clubs (BORA, Moose Jaw Pavers, NBR, etc)

## **Outstanding Achievement in Mountain Bike Racing: Alex Vanneste**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding achievement in Mountain Biking during the past twelve months. To be considered the achievement(s) must be of an interprovincial or international level nature.*

## **Wotton Bowl – Outstanding Achievement in Road Racing/Track:**

**Joshua Kropt**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding achievement in Road Racing/Track during the past twelve months. To be considered the achievement(s) must be of an interprovincial or international level nature.*

The 2018 race season for Moose Jaw born, Joshua Kropf, was a magical ride of determination and perseverance. Entering his final year of U23 competition, racing for the National Trade team Applewood Garneau, was a season of leadership from the Caronport High School graduate. As it was his 4<sup>th</sup> season racing with the domestic squad, he was given team leadership duties along with Manitoban Mitch Ketler; and the two of them had significant impact on races across North America.

### **WINNING IN BC:**

*The British Columbia Spring Road Race Series* is one of the most well-known development series races in Canada to kick off the season at the end of February each year. In the second weekend of Spring Series racing, Kropf showed fine winter form, by sneaking away in a 2-man breakaway with 60km to go and held off the hard charging pack for an uphill sprint win.

The uphill sprints became a calling card later in the summer, when the *BC Provincial Road Race Championships* were held. Since Kropf was a Sask Cycling license holder he was slotted in to help his BC teammates reach the podium on the day. The field was stacked with Pro Continental and Continental riders from BC who had come back to compete for provincial bragging rights! As the 156km race was unfolding, there was only one BC teammate left in the day long breakaway of 9 riders. In the final 5 KM's of the race, Kropf's teammate cracked, and insisted that the Sask athlete stay in the break and go for the win. Dialing into the uphill course's final climb, Kropf was able to time his sprint to perfection and spoil the day for BC riders, by taking the win. (The second placed rider was given the BC Champions jersey)

### **NORTH AMERICA IMPACT:**

As the team travelled the remainder of the season, their first major challenge would come in the famous *Redlands Bicycle Classic* in southern California. After Stage 1 prologue was cancelled due to snow fall, the remaining stages would be some of the fastest average speeds ever recorded at the 32-year event. On stage 3, a punchy circuit race, Kropf snuck himself into a daylong break with 5 other Pro racers. With each lap of the circuit Kropf was picking up Climber points, and by the end of the stage and overall event, he was the top amateur in the Climbing Points classification. Which again became a foreshadowing of events in the east a few weeks later.

The world famous, *Tour De Beauce* is revered as the hardest stage race in North America. Six races stuffed into 5 days with the top pro teams from North America and Europe chasing for the glory and honors. Throughout the UCI 2.2 event, Kropf was working with his teammates to get into every break possible and continue their development curve.

On Stage 5 in Quebec City, the circuit races of the beautiful downtown core, the crowd was entertained by some crafty racing of a 7-man breakaway. The 7-man breakaway feature 6 other riders from Pro Conti teams, plus the young amateur from Saskatchewan!

While several teams were represented in the break, they launched counter attack after counter attack; to which the Caronport native had to defend and chase down each time. As the break entered the final laps of the circuit the field was hot on their heels, and Kropf was separated from the other breakaway members. Not by much though, as he fought with all his known determination to catch back on in the final straightway... as he bikes tossed across the line he

was able to win the field sprint and take 7<sup>th</sup> place in the UCI event... an important milestone in achieving his first Top 10 finish at a UCI ranked event.

### ***CRASH AND RECOVERY:***

The following week, at the National Championships, the aggressive riding of Kropf lead him to initiate an attack on the field once again... however moments into the attack, he lost his wheels in an off-camber corner and slammed head first full speed into an unpadding telephone pole. Once stabilized by paramedics and transported to hospital, he was then flown back to Vancouver for further tests and care.

It was feared this accident may have an impact on his season for sure, and possibly his career. However, 10 days after the ambulance ride in Quebec, he was back in the field at the UCI Race in Gastown and helped his teammate Mitch Ketler win the BC Super Week PoCo Criterium.

### ***PRO CONTRACT:***

As the season ended, Kropf has been rewarded with his efforts, by signing a pro contact with the Continental team... DC Bank Pro Cycling. DC Bank squad is formerly known as the H&R Block Pro Cycling Team and has a star-studded roster of North American talent for the 2019 season, including fellow Sask rider Jure Rupnik.

After 12 years of racing, Kropf is the first ever Sask born and raised Sask Cycling member to sign a pro cycling contract all the while remaining a Sask Cycling member. Current pros Jure Rupnik and Rob Britton have deep Sask roots, both have different journeys to the pro ranks. Rupnik was developed in Slovenia and immigrated to Sask as a pro, while Britton started his career in Sask but did not become a pro until years later in British Columbia. The journey for Kropf, has been deeply impacted by the High-Performance program within Sask Cycling!

From his very first bike race at the age of 10 in Moose Jaw, through to his performance on the pro stage... this Sask product has held his Sask Cycling license with great pride over the years. He pedaled with the Moose Jaw Pavers as a youngster and has given back to the sport in many ways over the years. When given the option to take his license with other provinces through his development years, he has always declined and been a proud Sask Cycling member, knowing that his roots are on the prairies, and he will proudly continue to fly the Sask flag in the pro peloton for the 2019 season!

### ***RESULTS:***

2018 Race Season Results for Joshua Kropf

1<sup>st</sup> Place: British Columbia Spring Series Race – Road Race

1<sup>st</sup> Place: British Columbia Provincial Championship Road Race

7<sup>th</sup> Place: Stage 5 Tour de Beauce UCI 2.2 Stage Race – Quebec City

4<sup>th</sup> Top Amateur at Tour De Beauce 2.2 UCI Stage Race in General Classification

1<sup>st</sup> Top Amateur in the Climber Classification – Tour of Redlands

## Outstanding Volunteer in Road Sector Award: Jim Korpan

*The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer contributions in the Road Sector. The same member cannot be awarded in consecutive years.*

## Outstanding Volunteer in the BMX Sector Award:

**Janice Matus & Kim Adam**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer contributions BMX. The same member cannot be awarded in consecutive years.*



## Outstanding Achievement in BMX Racing: Chase Rennie

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Chase Rennie represented Team Saskatchewan (HP) in the 2018 season. Chase started his season attending the USA Bmx Winter Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona. At the Winter Nationals, Chase voluntarily moved up a class to intermediate and made his mains while finishing on the podium each day. Chase attended the Canadian Championships in July (Drummondville, Quebec) finishing 12th. Wrapping up the 2018 season double classing, 20 inch and cruiser. In Saskatchewan Chase finished 1st in 20 inch and 1st in cruiser. In Alberta, Chase then went on to finish 1st in 20 inch and 2nd in cruiser. Chase is a good representative of BMX!

## **Cycling Mileage Achievement Award (CMAP):**

*The purpose of this award is to recognize the SCA member with the greatest logged mileage within the past twelve months. As a member of the Saskatchewan Cycling Association, we are pleased to offer you an opportunity to participate in the ongoing Saskatchewan Cycling Mileage Achievement Program (CMAP). The program is a cycling participation program to recognize the kilometers that our members cycle each calendar year. To participate, simply keep a log of the kms that you cycle starting Jan 1 to Dec 31 and submit it to the SCA office before Jan 5th. You will be eligible for an award at the SCA annual meeting, if you have complied with the rules and regulations*

2018: Rob Howse