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**COACH OF THE YEAR** — *The Coach of the Year is presented to an individual who personifies the values of school sport while in a coaching role, while developing student-athletes, both on and off the field of play.*



**KATHY HOSHIZAKI**- Kathy Hoshizaki was an active participant in school sport at Southgate Secondary in Campbell River where she played volleyball, basketball, and community softball. Her love for sport transitioned to coaching while she was completing her Education Degree coaching at Esquimalt Secondary. After graduating from the University of Victoria, Kathy continued coaching school sport as she joined the staff at Revelstoke Secondary, where she has been teaching and coaching for the past 27 years.

Throughout her time as a high school student-athlete, Kathy was inspired seeing the connections her volleyball coach Gary Epp made with his student-athletes and this made her want to become a teacher and coach. Kathy continues to dedicate a tremendous amount of time to school sport, she is the school's Athletic Director and has coached both boys and girls volleyball, track and field, and badminton throughout her career at Revelstoke. She continues to challenge herself as a coach and an educator highlighting that "you have no idea how much you don't know, I have learned so much, but still have so much to learn."

When asked to speak to her favourite coaching memories, Kathy stated she was lucky enough to have had many amazing coaching memories and couldn't pick just one! She did note that being a part of a smaller school gave Kathy had the opportunity to coach a team from their grade 8 year all the way up to their grade 12 year. Spending 5 years with this group of student-athletes allowed her to connect with them on an incredibly unique level, and it reinforced all the reasons on why she got into education and coaching. A recent highlight has been the opportunity for her to coach her own son on the junior boys' volleyball team and see the team compete in Junior Invitational provincials. Kathy said the opportunity to see the growth and commitment of her son and his teammates is a memory she will always cherish from coaching.

When reflecting back on the past 27 years as an educator and coach, Kathy stated, "Being a coach helps you to understand how important the connections are to the kids' educational experience, it's easier to build connections with students as a coach than it is as a teacher. It makes your teaching job more rewarding when you have strong connections with students." Kathy encourages new teachers to get involved in school sport to gain stronger connections, challenge yourself as an educator, and make a difference in the lives of student-athletes.

Kathy wishes to acknowledge all of her high school coaches that inspired her to become a coach. Greg Kenyon, Annemarie Watts, Maria Hansen, John Campbell, and Jodi Wallach all of whom have shared their knowledge, and supported her on her journey. Her supportive husband Ross, who never complains that she is gone for 3 months every year and finally all of the kids that she has had the pleasure of coaching, she would not be where she is today without them.

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**RON VAN DRIEL-** Fraser Valley Christian (FVC), (now Surrey Christian) did not have a gymnasium back in the 70's, but that didn't stop Ron Van Driel from competing in every outdoor sport offered throughout his high school career. Although not every team was competitive provincially, Ron still recalls the year both the boys and girls cross-country teams qualified for provincials, and after a cold and snowy race, the girls team won a BCSS Provincial Champions banner. The accomplishment was celebrated by the entire school. This would start a 40 year passion for coaching in Ron.

Like many who choose this path, Ron had a very influential Phys-Ed teacher who encouraged Ron to get into teaching. Ron attended Dordt University, in Iowa, and believed it was his calling to go into their Physical Education program graduating in 1980. After graduation, Ron relocated to Smithers, BC and secured a job at Bulkley Valley Christian School as the main K-12 physical education teacher and has been a dedicated educator and coach there ever since. For Ron teaching and coaching goes hand-in-hand, he felt that as an educator it was his duty to give back and give students the same opportunities he once had as a young student-athlete.

With just 220 students from K-12 at Bulkley Valley, they focused on certain sports to field teams, aiming to field volleyball, basketball, golf teams every year, with some athletes also participating in track.. Ron coached in all three BCSS Seasons of Play for 40 consecutive years. A level of dedication that is an accomplishment in itself no matter the success of the teams. A major highlight of his career was in 2005 when his Bulkley Valley team both hosted and won the A Boys Volleyball Provincial Championship with 2 of his sons playing on the team.

When asked what his greatest coaching accomplishment is, he didn't focus on the success of any of the teams he coached but rather stated "{I have} a lot of pride in running a strong program that is supported by community and teacher coaches who have bought in and do the best we can with the limited resources available. Kids develop good habits with good quality coaching." It is common practice for his alumni athletes to come back and support the current teams and be a part of Ron's life outside of sport, and aspect of the job that is the most rewarding to him.

This year after 40 years at Bulkley Valley Ron will be retiring from teaching, but he has committed to continue to coach during retirement. Ron believe his years of connections in the classroom were strengthened by coaching his students, and the memorable years of teaching that helped build his commitment to school based coaching.

Ron would like to thank wife Janna for always understanding who he is and his love for giving back to the kids, Luke Van Harmelen for encouraging him to get into teaching, and his administrators over the years who have been extremely supportive of school sport and continue to encourage him to challenge people and the community to support the school and program. Ron would also like to thank the educators, administrators and coaches from Smithers Secondary, who have often worked in partnership with Bulkley Valley over the years, often sharing facilities and support, in a way that benefits their shared community.

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**STEPHEN BURNS** - After a sport filled High School career playing badminton, basketball, and soccer including a BCSS provincial championship appearance in his grade 11 soccer season. Stephen Burns went on to win 3 CIAU (now USports) national championships out of his 5 years playing soccer for UBC. After graduating with a Physical Education degree, Stephen moved on to play 3 years in the Canadian Soccer League sharpening the skills he would soon transition into coaching.

Stephen got his first teaching job at Star of the Sea where he started coaching basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field.

Shortly after starting at the elementary level he moved to the senior level coaching at South Park in 1998 where his passion for coaching basketball and soccer flourished. After moving to the senior level Stephen knew that was where he could make the biggest impact on students, in 2002 he accepted a position at South Delta Secondary where he focused on creating a strong soccer program. Still coaching at South Delta today, Stephen has led many BCSS provincial championship qualifying teams in both boys and girls with the girls currently making provincials for a record 18th straight year. The senior girls' team won the Provincial banner in 2008.

Although Stephen is known for his highly competitive nature, school sport will always be much more than winning and losing. "There is nothing better than coaching school sport; you have a short time with these kids and as a coach, I work hard to put them into the mindset that representing your school is one of the greatest responsibilities." Teaching his athletes to have great pride in representing their school on and off the field continues to be one of the greatest lessons Stephen teaches his athletes. He admires the hard work and dedication his athletes put into their sport and being student-athletes and does everything he can to put them on the path towards success. Stephen believes coaching has greatly enhanced his experience as an educator.

When asked to reflect on his greatest coaching accomplishment, Stephen highlighted his 2010 Senior Girls soccer team. They were able to pull off a 1-0 win against Fleetwood clinching a provincial championship berth. The team had consisted of one grade 11, one grade 12 and the rest of the team was filled by junior and grade 8 athletes grinding it out for each other to secure a berth. "Having a group that is dedicated to representing their school and competing as the underdogs are the best groups of kids to have." Although they did not win provincials, they were the underdog team that proved their strength and dedication could bring them above favoured teams in the league.

Stephen would like to recognize his father Danny Burns who coached him through his soccer career. Stephen recalls that his dad always got the most out of his players on any team he coached. Passing away at the young age of 56, Stephen continues his dad's coaching legacy proving that coaching is way more than technical and tactics. Further, Stephen would like to thank 86ers coach Alan Errington for his time as dedication to Stephens's success, and finally UBC soccer coach Dick Mosher for his commitment to caring for his athletes both on and off the field.

**MERIT AWARD** — *The Merit Award is presented to an individual recognizing their outstanding service to a local association or sports commission executive. Additionally it may recognize long standing service as a coach, sponsor, administrator, or official at the school level.*



**IAN HYDE-LAY** -Ian Hyde-Lay has been involved in school athletics since the early 1970s at Shawnigan Lake School, when he himself was a student-athlete. He moved from sport to sport through their respective seasons, a formula he believes was crucial to his overall athletic development.

His career continued at UVIC, where, while obtaining his undergraduate degree, he played basketball for the Vikes under legendary coach Ken Shields. Upon graduation in 1980, he switched back to rugby, eventually representing Canada at the 1987 World Cup and later going on to also become an international level referee.

Ian joined the staff at St. Michaels University School (SMUS) in 1984, making a transition into coaching that continues to this day. He acknowledges he has been extremely fortunate to work with countless outstanding student-athletes, including Gareth Rees and Steve Nash, over the past 36 years.

Although, or perhaps because Ian has enjoyed some success in basketball and rugby, he is a staunch advocate of a multi-sport approach. He notes that “virtually every single SMUS graduate who has gone on to play at post-secondary, provincial or national level was a multi-sport performer in high school.” He adds that “there is such value in the transfer of skills from sport to sport, new opportunities with each season, keeping mentally fresh and avoiding overuse injuries. Finally, athletics provides the chance to work effectively as part of a team, which is such an important part of life in general.”

When asked about his fondest sporting memories, Ian did not necessarily speak of winning games or championships but rather of seeing the growth and development of young men and women both on and off the court/field. He believes the relationships a coach builds with student-athletes, parents, friends and fellow coaches will define his or her legacy.

Ian has been South Vancouver Island Zone Rugby Representative for more than 20 years and Vice President of BC Secondary Schools Rugby Commission since 2015. He happily spends many hours supporting rugby events for student-athletes across the province. For example, in 1995 he formed the BCSSRU Premier League. He remembers clearly “the enjoyment and privilege of playing or coaching in BCSS championship events. I want to ensure today’s student-athletes can experience the same opportunities. We certainly have some new challenges, at this moment in time, as we face up to the Covid-19 situation.”

Ian believes the “world’s most powerful prayer is two simple words – thank you.” Indeed, he has received tremendous advice from numerous mentors and coaches, all of whom have taught and counselled him along the way. These include especially his mother Mary and father Derek, a highly successful coach in his own right at Shawnigan Lake for over four decades. Likewise, wife Lisa and sons Derek and Graeme have been and remain towers of love and support. Finally, Shields was and remains a huge influence, with his core tenets of preparation, teamwork, fitness, effort and individual skill development as important today as they ever were.

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**DON MOSLIN-** Don Moslin has been involved in school sport for the past 34 years. He first got involved as a part-time basketball coach while completing his university degree, which ignited what would be a lifetime of coaching school sport. Don started his full-time teaching career at Mt. Elizabeth Secondary in Kitimat before joining as a full-time coach at Golden Secondary coaching basketball and volleyball from 1986-1989. Don then moved to Woodlands Secondary in Nanaimo where he coached soccer, and volleyball. While at Woodlands for 27 years, Don's involvement in school sport continued to increase. After starting as a zone rep for the BCSS Soccer Commission, it was not long before he was voted

the Commissioner, a position he has held for 20 years. Additionally, he was elected onto the BCSS Board of Directors as the Vancouver Island Zone Rep sharing his well-rounded knowledge and education on the board from the years 2005-2007. In addition, he also served as a Sport Commission Rep on the Board on three different occasions for 6 years in total. Don has hosted countless Provincial & Zone Championships and has assisted the growth of sport with the school system.

Don has dabbled in coaching volleyball and basketball; however, his passion will forever be for soccer. Don is a certified 'A' License coach, a past national Coaching Association of Canada award recipient. He noted the beauty and inclusivity of the game. "Soccer is classified as the "beautiful global game" there are over 200 countries that play; it is a common ground for athletes to showcase their individual skills from their homeland." As soccer commissioner, Don wanted to create an experience for all student athletes, he led the work behind the scenes with organizers, coaches, and volunteers to create a brand for the BCSS Provincial Soccer Championships giving student-athletes the stage to represent their school well. Don being a devoted educator and coach continues to emphasize that the relationship between an educator and a student-athlete like no other. Seeing athletes work together towards a common goal of clinching a BCSS Provincial Championship berth will be the memories Don cherishes the most from school sport. "It has been a great 34 years of being involved with school sports, being involved has contributed to my success as a coach, and educator."

Don may be stepping away from the BCSS Soccer Commissioner role this year, but will continue to be around the school soccer scene. He is committed to sharing his years of soccer knowledge and expertise with his successor transitioning into the new role of soccer commissioner.

Don would like to thank his wife, Nora, who is a teacher and coach in her own right, for her support of his additional responsibilities as commissioner for the past 20 years. Gary Haensgan, Mary Bartucci, Brent Sweeney, for their work on the commission and the BCSS Board of Directors at the time of his service. Don also thanks the sport commissioners, who were willing to share their successes, experiences, and knowledge, and the many people who shared their time and expertise with him over the past 34 years. Without them, much of the progress within BCSS would not be possible.



**OUTSTANDING SCHOOL** - *The Outstanding School award is presented to a school who shows a special commitment to its students and staff through athletics, intramurals, leadership, public service and has contributed significantly to the welfare of school athletics in its local community and across the province.*



**GUDANGAAY TLAATS'GAA NAAY**—Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School (GTNSS) is a remarkable school located on the Queen Charlotte Islands. GTNSS exemplifies the values of BC School Sports and continues to cultivate and demonstrate their continual effort to improve the lives of its students through athletics. GTNSS demonstrates their resilience in keeping sport in their school alive despite many barriers, and the leadership that the staff has taken on to participate in programs for its students.

Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay is a small school of merely 78 students in grades 8 thru 12. With more than 50 of those students in school sports. The culture of sport that this school has cultivated is incredible, having nearly 70% of the school population participate, many being multi-sport athletes. Also, the journey that these students must endure to play a single game is astonishing; they spend nearly 4 days of travel and thousands of dollars, all whilst sleeping on the opposing teams gym floor to save money. Despite the hardships for simple games that most schools take for granted, the school keeps the morale high by ensuring that their students bond by hosting fundraisers and team meet-ups outside school walls.

The teaching staff, as well as Athletic Director, Christine Cunningham, play an integral role in ensuring that the students are able to participate in school sport. GTNSS has 10 teachers, each of whom are deeply involved and display care for the lives of its student athletes whether it be by chaperoning team events, helping fundraise, or participating in practices or pick-up sports. Although it is difficult to organize proper intramurals, the student body as well as the teaching staff work together to make after-school sports as easy and accessible as possible for anyone who wishes to play.

In spite of the hurdles that this school must overcome, they are a proud school on the island. A school that celebrates sport and its students, we are honoured to name Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary School the winner of the Outstanding School Award, and hope they continue to inspire school leadership, teachers and students across the province.



**HONOUR AWARD** - *The honour award is the highest form of distinction BCSS can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to a teacher or administrator who has demonstrated prolonged and distinguished service to school sport, as a coach and on the BCSS Board of Directors or one of its committees.*



**TOM DINSDALE** - Tom Dinsdale's passion for sport began young, where he excelled in tennis and squash. He continued on to play school sport and valued his time so much as a student athlete, throughout his career in education he was committed to giving the same opportunities to youth. Tom continues to share his belief that all kids have a range of gifts and talents, and everyone needs to feel like they have a place to belong and an opportunity to shine. Tom believes that for many, sport is this place. School sport has been an important part of Tom's life for 40 years. His school sport journey started in 1980 as a recent university graduate securing a teaching job in Kitimat where coaching was expected of any new hire, but Tom was already looking forward to it. He coached girls' volleyball and basketball while teaching social studies at Kitimat. Before long, Tom transitioned into administration but even as a Vice-Principal Tom continued to commit the little time he had to coaching the teams in his school.

Tom continued to coach and officiate, but felt there was more he could give beyond his school, but to BC School Sports. Tom was named to the BCSS Eligibility Appeals Committee in 2004, and has served as a member of this committee since. He has now served for 16 years on this committee, the last 5 as the committee chair and has brought an extremely knowledgeable perspective as an educator, district administrator and sport official to the committee. When asked to reflect on his time in the school sport world Tom never mentioned the wins or losses he experienced, instead he highlighted that school sport is about development for both the student athletes and the educators. When asked to share his favourite school sport moment Tom talked about a past athlete of his from Kitimat Izzy Maranchuk; not because she won blue provincial banners but because of her humble and coachable work ethic that made her as so enjoyable to coach and led her to great success. Izzy continued her athletic career with a full-ride basketball scholarship to Oregon State and showed what dedication and commitment on and off the court can give to young athletes.

Tom believes the connection he made with Izzy and his other student-athletes is a prime example of how coaching can develop an educator. Tom stated that "Coaching gives educators the opportunity to get to know their students, a place of relatability. Making a connection with kids and sharing experiences in the sport environment is transferred directly into the classroom." Tom built relationships through school sport that are some of his favourites. He still enjoys connecting with students he coached years ago and was thrilled to coach, coaching multiple generations in a family.

This year Tom will retire after 40 dedicated years to school sport as an educator, coach, and instrumental player in BCSS eligibility appeal decisions. Although he will be stepping away from the bench, Tom plans to continue to be involved in sport as he gets re-certified as a BC Volleyball Official.

Tom would like to thank Dick Johanssen who was a positive influence as a teacher, and later as an administrative colleague, in pursuing education as a career and passion. From a school sports perspective, Kitimat basketball coaches Ron McAulay and Tony McCrory, and volleyball coach Gary Maitland for providing mentoring and modelling the commitment and passion for student athletes over many decades. In Kamloops, Tom was positively influenced by coaches such as Brian Olthius, Jack Buckham, Will Blair and Homer Hamm who also committed decades of coaching the right way, and impacted in such positive ways thousands of young people, many of whom are following in their footsteps and paying it forward today in BCSS schools.



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