



# Media Release

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## High School Awards Presented

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association recognized a number of volunteers, at its award luncheon, held during the 2010 Annual General Meeting in Portage La Prairie on Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**The Nick Laping leadership Award** was awarded to **Duane Whyte of Swan Valley Regional School**. Whyte, who retired from teaching, last year, has coached the Varsity Boys Basketball Team for 35 years, and has been leader in basketball development both in the Parkland Region of Manitoba as well as the Province as a whole. He is long time volunteer coach at the Legion Athletic Camps, and has organized several top notch Provincial Championships. In basketball circles when you say "Whytey", there is only one person that you can think of.

**The 2010 Grey Cup Legacy High School Coach of the Year Award** was presented to **Karl Wiebe of Westgate Mennonite Collegiate**. Karl has been coaching for a total of 27 years, coaching Basketball, Badminton and Track. His teams captured the Provincial AAA Basketball Championships for the last two years and took third place in 2006. In addition to coaching Karl has been Soccer and Volleyball convenor in the zone. He literally has been the face of Westgate Athletics for the last 27 years. Karl is an outstanding leader and is very deserving of this recognition. He will also receive a \$2000.00 prize from the Grey Cup Legacy Committee

**The Frank L. McKinnon Award** named in honor of a past MHSAA president, and former Carman Collegiate Principal, Frank McKinnon, was presented to **Jim Schreyer of Lord Selkirk Regional School**. Jim has been coaching for 30 years and his main sport is Volleyball. He has captured five AAAA Provincials, and as athletic director at Lord Selkirk has a very strong program. Jim was recognized as MHSAA Coach of the Year in 1994, and Manitoba Volleyball Association Coach of the Year on two occasions. Jim coached the U of M Bison's from 1997 to 2000 when Garth Pischke took a leave of absence and won a Gold Medal. Jim has hosted numerous Championships, sat on organizing and wildcard committees, and always provides technical information and support when required.

### Certificates of recognition were present to:

**John Potter of Minnedosa Collegiate** who has been coaching for 28 years and has organized a number of Provincial Championships and wildcards, and has been a member of the MHSAA Board of Directors.



**Marvin Gundrum of Westmount School in Swan Lake.** Marvin has been coaching for 24 years, mostly Volleyball, Baseball and Track. His teams have captured three provincial Track and Field titles and Marvin has convened several Provincial Championships over the years.

**Dale Ready of Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler.** Dale has taught and coached for 28 years. He is also a Volleyball and Basketball Official and has officiated several Provincial Championships. Dale has served the MHSAA as a Board Member and as well as a number of Committees.

**Dwight Kearns of the Brandon School Division.** Dwight has taught for 33 years, and coached Varsity Boys Basketball at Crocus Plains for 25 of those years. He also was the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at Neelin High School for 3 years and captured Provincial Championships there. In 1983-84, he coached the Brandon Bobcats and led them to the CIS Championship final.

**Gord Nixon – Major Pratt School in Russell.** Gord has a 35 year teaching and coaching career mainly in Volleyball, Hockey and Baseball. He has captured four boy's volleyball titles, a baseball title, and a hockey title. Gord has also hosted numerous Provincial Championships, coached several athletes to a National level standing. Gord was MHSAA Coach of the Year in 2003.

**Carey Lasiuk** – Carey Lasiuk has been Assistant Executive Director of the MHSAA for 19 years, resigning this past January to pursue other opportunities. Carey has been a tireless worker, and has been very committed to high school sport, while also coaching the Daniel MacIntyre boy's basketball team for 17 years, capturing a Provincial Championship in 2001.

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association is a voluntary not for profit organization that coordinates high school sport in the Province. The Association organizes almost 50 Provincial Championships involving approximately 28,000 student athletes and 2,600 teacher coaches. The Association is funded by grants from Sport Manitoba, memberships fees, corporate partnerships, and gate revenue.

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