

Blue Fins recognize top performers

The Halton Hills Blue Fins held their annual awards banquet recently, an evening for swimmers to dry off and dress up to receive recognition for their accomplishments during the 2013-14 season.

International-level swimmer Zack Chetrat of Oakville served as the guest speaker and Gayle Wadden, chair of the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Halton-Peel Grant Review Team, presented a plaque to the Blue Fins for the implementation of a Para Swim Program within the club.

Two new awards were given out at this year's banquet. Jen Jackson received the Volunteer of the Year Award and Gordana Plackoska received the Official of the Year Award.

Special recognition was given to the swimmers who were part of the Division 1 squad, Central Region qualifiers, Swim Ontario Festivals qualifiers, and Age Group Provincial qualifiers.

The medalists from regional and provincial level meets were also honoured and, this past year, 23 club records were broken.

The following awards were presented:

President's Award

(Awarded for team spirit, outstanding attendance, consistent work ethic, and sportsmanship)

Intro Female — Hayley McFarlane

Intro Male — Ian Baker

Intro Comp — Mikayla Roy

Squad 2 — Ally Bennett

Squad 1 — Jordan Stott
Senior — Katherine Peel

Group Swimmer Award

(Recognizes a swimmer for his/her outstanding accomplishments, demonstration of grit, discipline and perseverance)

Intro Female — Sierra Roy

Intro Male — Evan Harvey

Intro Comp — Isabella Santana

Squad 2 — Chris Fox

Squad 1 — Ben Holt

Senior — Quinn West

Club Awards

Gord Bassett Rookie of the Year — Noah Talbot

Mandy Bull Memorial Award — Erin Troughton

Tim Horton's Cup Swimmer of the Year — Emily Collis



Chris Henderson, head coach of the Halton Hills Blue Fins, presents the Tim Hortons' Swimmer of the Year award to Emily Collis at the local swim club's recent awards banquet at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club. Collis earned gold medals in the 100m, 400m and 800m freestyle events to win the Central Region Long Course High Point Trophy for the 14-year-old age group and swam to a bronze medal at the Open Water Provincial Championships. *Submitted photo*



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