

ATHLETES HONOURED: Three Acton High School students were among the athletes honoured by the Town at a municipal awards ceremony last Monday at the Civic Centre. Volleyball ace Kristen Lowe (left) is with Mayor Rick Bonnette, shot put and discus queen Kaitlyn Andrews, National level soccer player Melissa Bigg and Georgetown Councillor Mike Davis. - Frances Niblock photo

## Town honours Acton athletes

From the field to the pitch to the court - the hard work and dedication of three Acton area athletes was celebrated at a municipal wards ceremony at the council chambers in Georgetown last Monday.

The three - Melissa Bigg, Kristen Lowe and Kaitlyn Andrews – were among nine individuals and three teams honoured for their accomplishments and dedication to excellence.

Melissa Bigg's soccer skills helped earn her team a berth at the National Soccer Club championships in Nova Scotia from October 5 to 10.

Bigg plays for the Erin Mills Eagles that captured the Under-18 Ontario Cup with a 1-0 win over Richmond Hill.

She is a Grade 12 student at Acton High School, who began playing with the Georgetown Soccer Club as a 5-year-old, and was on a rep team before she was 10.

Bigg joined the Erin Mills Eagles two years ago and devotes four or five sessions a week to training and games with the Eagles, who play in the Ontario Youth Soccer League, the highest level of youth play in Ontario.

Kristen Lowe is a member of the Waterdown Raiders Girls Volleyball team that won a Silver medal at the 2004 Eastern Canadian Under-15 championships.

At that competition, Lowe was named to the all-star team and received the Ontario Volleyball Association Award of Excellence.

During consolation round play this year, Lowe was selected to play on the Ontario Regional Volleyball team at the Ontario Summer Games, where she was named best all-round player, and received the All Ontario Award for best passer, as voted by Ontario coaches.

Lowe, who began playing as a seven-year-old at Brookville Public School, has played elite volleyball for the past three years in the Tier 1 provincial level.

Acton High School student Kaitlyn Andrews was honoured for her Gold medal wins in the shot put and discus. She is the 2005 Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association Track and Field Senior Gold medallist in the shot put and discus.

Andrews, who recently switched to field events after an initial interest in track that began eight years ago, was also recognized for her Gold medal achievements in shot put and discus at the 2005 Ontario and Junior National Track and Field championships; her shot put Gold medal performance representing Team Ontario at the 2005 National Scholastic Indoor track and Field championships.

Andrews was also a member of the 2005 Canadian National Junior Track and field team that competed at the Junior Pan American championships.

The awardees also includ-

- the Halton Hills Hawks Squirt Fastpitch team, bronze medallists at the 2005 Provincial Fastpitch championships
- Laurie Klarner, member of the Oakville Ice Expression Novice Synchronized Skating team that earned a Silver medal at the 2005 Canadian championships
- The Georgetown Eagles Minor Bantam Baseball team, Silver medallists at the 2005 Ontario Baseball Association "A" championships
- · Alex Jarvis of the Brama-

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lea Bullets Track Club, Gold medal winners at the 2005 Minor Track Association Provincial In-door championships, and the 2005 Minor Track Association championships

- Ryan Putnam of the North Halton Golf and Country Club, the 2005 Williamson Cup Champion representing Team Ontario
- Jayson Crawford, Dustin Hanzelka, Seth Laidlaw, Michael Macdonald and Justin Rasmussen, members of the Halton Hills Bulldog Lacrosse team who were selected to play for Team Ontario that won the national Peewee Lacrosse championships
- Jessica Di Genova, a member of the Canadian Young Riders Team, the individual and team Gold medallist at the 2005 North American Young Riders championships
- Maggie Mahon and Erinn Brown of the McGinley Academy of Irish dance. Mahon is the bronze medallist at the 2004 Canadian Irish championships, and Brown is the Gold medallist at the 2004 Canadian Irish Dance championships and Bronze medallist at the 2004 North Americans Dance championships.



DRAW WINNERS: Moms Lisa Norton (right) of Georgetown and Sandra Alarie of Acton, who both entered their children in the Baby Show during the fair, won graphite portraits by Acton artist Nancy Bonita Gordon (left) in a draw held after the show. - Submitted photo



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