

# IT'S MORE THAN A GAME

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The Latest NEWS from Sask Sport Inc.

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The recipients of the Sask Sport Inc. 2006 Athlete of the Year and Volunteer Recognition Awards were recently announced before a crowd of over 500 at the Saskatchewan Sports Awards in Saskatoon. There were 39 nominations for the Athlete of the Year awards and the list was narrowed to three finalists in each of the six categories. The award recipients in each category were chosen in a vote by the Presidents of Provincial Sport Governing Bodies and Saskatchewan's sports media. The results were compiled and audited by the accounting and auditing firm of The Virtus Group.

The award recipients are:

**Master Athlete of the Year:** Milos Kostic, Regina, Saskatchewan Triathlon Association

**Youth Male Athlete of the Year:** Cole Miller, Regina, Saskatchewan Diving Association

**Youth Female Athlete of the Year:** Brianne Theisen, Humboldt, Saskatchewan Athletics

**Male Athlete of the Year:** Justin Warsylewicz, Regina, Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association

**Female Athlete of the Year:** Sarah Crooks, Saskatoon, Basketball Saskatchewan Inc.

**Team of the Year:** Mandy Selzer Junior Women's Curling Team, Saskatchewan Curling Association

The Saskatchewan Sport Awards also featured the **Volunteer Recognition Awards**. There were 9 nominees and the recipients were:

Jeff Butt, Moose Jaw, Special Olympics Saskatchewan  
Lorraine Johnson, Regina, Synchro Saskatchewan  
Stuart McDonald, Regina, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan

Biographies of all the recipients, finalists and nominees can be found at [www.sasksport.sk.ca](http://www.sasksport.sk.ca).



## Prince Albert Swimmers Receive Tom Longboat Award

Shay-Anne Daniels and Scott Mills of the Prince Albert Sharks Swim Club were Saskatchewan's regional winners of the 2006 Tom Longboat Awards. This is a national awards program that honours Aboriginal excellence in sport. The National Award recipient, which will be selected from the list of regional winners, will be announced shortly.

Daniels began her swimming career when she was nine years old. She quickly advanced to an "A" level swimmer and has been a member of the Swim Sask High Performance team for the past two years. She currently holds 18 club records with the Sharks and has competed at numerous high level competitions. During the competitions, Daniels won 29 gold, 26 silver and 26 bronze medals, including six gold and three silver medals at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Denver, Colorado in July 2006. Daniels is also a Grade Nine student at St. Mary's High School where she maintains a 98% average.

Mills is in his third year of competitive swimming, but he achieved his first "A" time standard within months of starting to swim. He has been a member of the Swim Sask High Performance team for the past two years, and he has qualified for Age Group Nationals 2007 long course in Montreal. Mills was also a member of NAIG Team Sask that competed in Denver where he brought home six gold and two silver medals. Mills holds three Sharks club records and maintains an 82% average in Grade Eight at Arthur Pechey School.

The award's namesake, Tom Longboat, was a celebrated and accomplished athlete. As a gifted long distance runner, he set a world record in his third marathon. Prior to the First World War, Tom Longboat won the majority of major distance races in North America and abroad, including the Boston Marathon and the Powderhall Marathon in Scotland. He was proud of his First Nations heritage, and in 1999, he was voted the top Canadian sports figure of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century by *McLean's Magazine*.

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## Team Saskatchewan Wins the Centennial Cup

Team Saskatchewan wins the Centennial Cup with 26 Centennial Cup points, nine points ahead of Ontario which placed second. In the Flag Points race Saskatchewan finished in 5th place with 211.5 points.

The Centennial Cup is awarded according to the pan-Canadian sport development objective of the Canada Games. It is presented at each Games to the provincial or territorial team that shows the greatest improvement in its final standing from the previous Canada Games, with the comparison being made on a winter to winter and summer to summer basis.



## Mark Jesney named January Athlete of the Month

Mark Jesney of Saskatoon is the recipient of the Sask Sport Inc. January Athlete of the Month Award. Jesney won the gold medal in the men's 5000 metre Canada Cup 1 speed skating race in Calgary on Jan. 6. There were over 200 athletes from eight provinces and two countries and Jesney competed against 86 in his category. He was nominated by the Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association.

## Marsha Hudey named February Athlete of the Month

Marsha Hudey of Regina is the recipient of the February Athlete of the Month Award. The 16-year-old speed skater earned gold medals in the women's 100m, 500m and team pursuit at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, YK. Hudey competed against 28 athletes from eight provinces. She was nominated by the Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association. The other nominees were: Shannon Phillips, Regina, taekwon-do; the Provincial Women's Curling Champions; and Janine Polischuk, Regina, athletics.

### FINAL MEDAL STANDING

Province	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Summary
Quebec	52	36	34	122
Ontario	37	35	40	112
Alberta	24	29	26	79
BC	24	24	29	77
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>
Manitoba	4	12	19	35
New Brunswick	2	2	8	12
Nova Scotia	0	3	4	7
PEI	1	0	3	4
Yukon	1	0	3	4
Newfoundland	0	1	2	3
NWT	1	0	0	1
Nunavut	0	0	1	1

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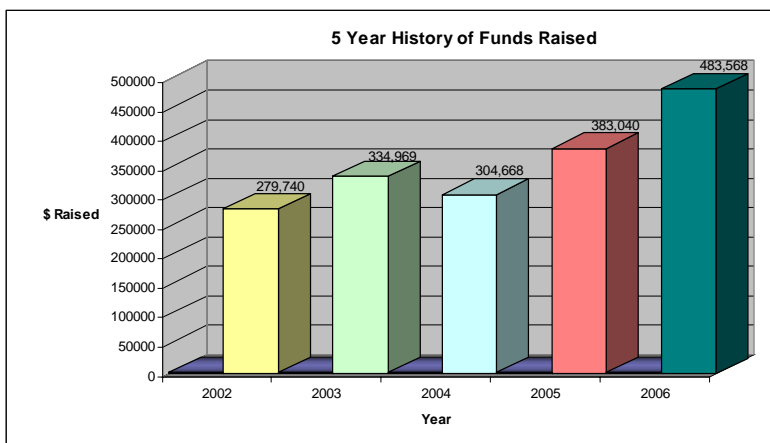
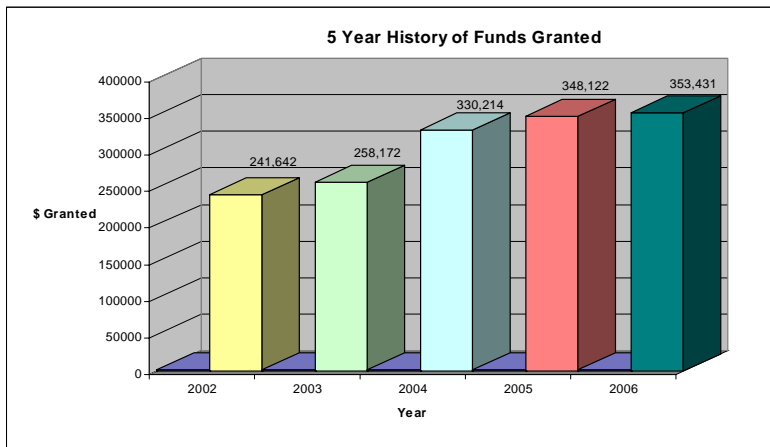
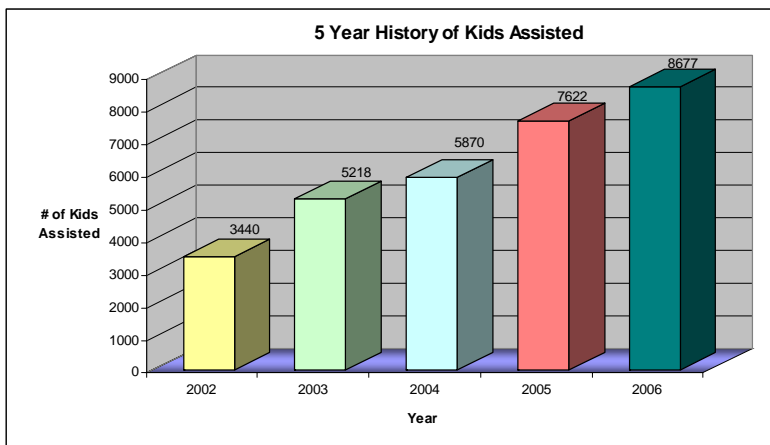
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# KidSport™ in Saskatchewan Continues to Grow!

KidSport™ Saskatchewan celebrated another successful year in 2006. Overall, 8,677 children were provided with the necessary funds to participate in community sport programs, compared to 7,622 children in 2005, a 14% increase. As well, two new KidSport™ Committees were founded for a total of 43 committees, bringing KidSport™ one step closer to ensuring that all kids can play.

2006 marked a new fundraising record for KidSport™ Saskatchewan. A total of \$483,568 was raised in 2006 - \$100,527 more than in 2005. From those funds, a total of \$353,431 was distributed to KidSport™ Kids in 2006 versus \$348,122 in 2005.



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The 11<sup>th</sup> annual KidSport™ Fun and Fitness Corporate Challenge will take place on Saturday, May 26 at the University of Regina. The event is proudly presented by Great West Life, London Life and Canada Life.

KidSport™ invites you, your friends and colleagues to take part in this fun filled challenging event. It's a great way to enhance camaraderie and the sense of team in your organization while helping out with this most worthy children's charity.

The annual event will take place in and around the new Centre for Kinesiology and Health Studies Facility. The day features teams of eight players who compete in eight events designed to test body, mind and sense of humor! Events include the Sask Gaming BullsEye, Great Western Shot in the Dark Beach Volleyball, ISC Diaper Bopping River Relay Race, Partners in Planning KidSport™ Adventure, EDS Survivor Saskatchewan, SaskTel KidSport™ Olympics, RIS Wheelchair Rugby and the Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Fantasy Challenge.

The event begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Points will be awarded to each team based on their performance at each station as well as for the amount of pledges they raised prior to the event. The team with the highest number of points will be declared the champion.

For more information or to register a team please contact Chris Chepil at (306) 780-9345.

## ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING CENTRE

Visit [www.ovtc.sk.ca](http://www.ovtc.sk.ca) for more information or to register.



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## Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Converge in Whitehorse

In February, federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for sport, physical activity and recreation met in Whitehorse to celebrate the 2007 Canada Winter Games and discuss important issues facing Canada's sport, recreation and physical activity system. During the meetings, the ministers discussed the possibility of developing bilateral agreements for healthy eating and physical activity in Canada. The agreements will be targeted towards helping Canadians eat healthier foods and become more physically active.

Through the meeting, the ministers resolved to extend Canada, the provinces and territories' commitment to furthering the mission of the Canadian Sport Policy until 2012. The ministers also agreed to employ the Canadian Sport for Life models in their jurisdictions, focus their attention on increasing sport capacity, assess the progress of the Canadian Sport Policy, and increase their respective contributions to the Canada Games to include athlete development.

Federal, territorial and provincial ministers are scheduled to meet again in the spring of 2008 in Victoria, BC.

## Future Canada Games Host Locations

The following is a list of future Canada Games host sites as approved by the federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for sport, physical activity and recreation:

Year	Province/Territory	Winter/Summer
2011	Nova Scotia	Winter
2013	Quebec	Summer
2015	British Columbia	Winter
2017	Manitoba	Summer
2019	Alberta	Winter
2021	Newfoundland & Labrador	Summer
2023	Northwest Territories	Winter
2025	Ontario	Summer
2027	Yukon	Winter
2029	New Brunswick	Summer
2031	Prince Edward Island	Winter
2033	Nunavut	Summer
2035	Saskatchewan	Winter

## Aboriginal Initiatives, Pinehouse Lake: A Success for Special Olympics Saskatchewan



Over the past several years, Special Olympics Saskatchewan (SOS) has been looking into key strategies of how to improve the participation of the Aboriginal and Métis within their organization. In congruence with their Strategic Plan, SOS has made the Aboriginal Initiatives Portfolio a key priority project. The SOS Provincial Board of Directors and Staff are all in support of engaging more Aboriginal & Métis talent within the organization, not only as athletes, but as coaches, officials, and volunteers as well.

Throughout this year, Special Olympics staff and Pinehouse will be working collaboratively together on coaching clinics, athlete registrations, community development and volunteer orientation. The community of Pinehouse will act as the "Central Hub" of the Northern Zone, in which satellite communities will extend from. These satellite communities will look to Pinehouse for resources, governance/policy, guidance, financial support, and sport development once Pinehouse is well established.

## Politicians Advocate for Additional Sport Funding

During a recent conference of federal, territorial and provincial ministers responsible for sport, physical activity and recreation, the ministers renewed their dedication to fight for additional funding for sport, physical activity and recreation infrastructure in Canada.

Canada is currently facing a growing shortfall of physical activity, sport and recreation infrastructure, as well as an increasing obesity epidemic in both adults and children. The ministers believe that additional federal funding for infrastructure will encourage more Canadians to become physically active and live healthier lives. The ministers have called upon the federal government to dedicate sufficient funds in the next federal budget to substantially decrease Canada's sport, recreation and physical activity infrastructure deficit by 2017, Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Federal Minister of Health, Tony Clement, will represent the ministers at the federal cabinet table in upcoming discussions.

## Sask Sport Inc. Annual General Meeting

Mark Saturday, June 16 on your calendars! That's the date of the Sask Sport Inc. annual general meeting. This is a chance to review the highlights of the sport federation, consider the financial statements, set policy direction, and run for the board of directors.