

Women to Watch Recipients – April to July 09/10

Athletes

Brittany Mueller

Synchronized Swimming

Brittany is a 19 year old synchronized swimmer who has had excellent results competing in Western Canada, second in solo in 2009 and 5th and 6th in solo in the 2009 Canadian Championships. She also competed in Paris France at their Nationals where she place 2nd in the technical solo routine and 3rd in the free routine.

Brittany will be using her grant money for further training to try and make a national team.

Victoria Robson

Track and Field – pole Vault

Victoria's background in sport came from artistic gymnastics and sprinting which lead her to pursue pole vaulting in 2005. In 2008 she broke an 11 year old University record with a jump of 3.80m. She also came 10th in Canada that year at Nationals. She is training hard with the goal of competing in the 2012 Olympic trials and possibly Commonwealth or the FISU games.

She will use her grant money for travel as it is just as expensive for her to take her pole (\$400 per flight) as her own flight.

Andrea Johnson

Speed Skating

Andrea currently is training in Calgary at the Olympic Oval and has been speed skating for 13 years. She would like to qualify for all distances for the Olympic Trials in Dec. and has already qualified for the 3000m and 5000m. To qualify for the other distances she needs to place in the top four in each distance at the CanAm in November.

She will be using her grant to assist her in doing this.

Team Iles

Curling

The curling team of Jesse Iles,14, Kate Iles,15, Emma Snell, 16 and Kristen Duliak, 16 were training hard this past summer with mental skills session and a curling camp with Kevin Martin in Edmonton. As they live in The Pas and most high end bonspiels are in southern Manitoba their travel costs are quite high. They participated in the local ladies league which they won this past season and came 7th overall at the 2009 provincials.

They will be using their grant money for travel to bonspiels throughout Manitoba.

Coaches

Tressa Main

Wakeboarding

Tressa is a level 1 certified wakeboard coach who has been involved in the sport for the past 12 years competing both provincially and nationally. She also runs and coaches at the Girls Day Out wakeboard clinic that was held in Winnipeg this past summer which helps get more girls involved in the sport. This is the 7th year the clinic has been running.

Ashley Van Aggelen
Hockey

Ashley will be the assistant coach for the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax, as well as the assistant coach for the U18 Provincial Female Team in 2008. She has been the Head coach for the Polar Ice Women's Junior Hockey Team since 2004 and the co-coach of the St. James Collegiate Women's High School Hockey team.

She will be using her grant money to attend the High Performance 1 Coaching Clinic 1 which is only offered every 2-3 years with Hockey Manitoba.