

## **TPA Announces 2023-2024 Excellence Awards and Scholarships**

**June 7th, 2024** - The Tennis Professionals Association is proud to announce TPA Excellence awards and scholarships recipients for 2023 and 2024. The TPA is pleased to recognize these coaches and facilities' efforts, accomplishments as well as their dedication to the growth of tennis in Canada.

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### **2023 Coaching Excellence Award: Steve Mahar**

A certified Coach 3 and Club Pro 3 for the Sobeys Atlantic Tennis Centre in Nova Scotia, Steve has up to 20 years of coaching experience and has enjoyed great success with his 2023 players, leading them to both national and international titles.

### **2023 Club Professional Excellence Award: Marvin Hinds**

Certified Coach 3, Head Professional and Tennis Director at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club of Edmonton, Marvin has built a team that excels, and his team loves him as a leader. Since the inception of Marvin's tennis program, the club has seen an explosion of new members. The Derrick is currently at maximum membership capacity with a waiting list - something that has not happened in over 10 years.

### **2023 Year-Round Facility Excellence Award: Sani Sport**

Sani Sport is the recipient of the 2023 Year-Round Facility Excellence Award. Committed to coaching excellence, this year-round facility has 28 indoor courts between Boucherville and Brossard. Sani Sport is very involved in the community and it's important to them that children have access to the beautiful sport of tennis, for example by creating charity events for children who can't afford to play the sport.

### **2023 Seasonal Facility Excellence Award: Kew Gardens**

Kew Gardens is a seasonal club with over 1800 members. Kew is one of the busiest and largest community clubs in Canada. As a club, Kew Gardens offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of all its members and has cultivated a community atmosphere by giving back in several ways. Kew offers a scholarship program to ensure that as many young people as possible can play tennis, regardless of their financial circumstances.

### **2023 Course Facilitator Excellence Award: David Marcotte**

Certified Coach 3, David Marcotte has been a course facilitator with brio for several years. In addition to training coaches for the Club Professional 2 and Coach 2 courses, David is also involved in coaching the women's national team, which recently won the Billie Jean King Cup. Through his dedication and professionalism, David embodies the values of Tennis Canada and contributes to the development of the coaching profession in Canada.

### **2023 Ari Novick Service to the Game Award: Wayne Elderton**

Certified Coach 4 and Club Pro 3, Wayne Elderton is one of the most respected tennis coaches in Canada, Elderton has taught athletes who would turn out to be ranking professionals, world Top 10 wheelchair players and countless national level junior champions. He is multi-talented when it comes to teaching tennis and has been a key contributor to the Tennis Canada Coaching Certification program. He was also selected to be a part of an ITF task force on adult participation.

**2023 Community Tennis Leadership Award: Lionel Eli**

Certified Coach 3 and Club Pro 2, Lionel Eli is the Director and Head Tennis Professional at Banbury Tennis Club, and Tam Heather Tennis & Curling Club. He has dedicated his life to mentoring and teaching tennis to Canadian junior players in his community, and has directly assisted 27 junior players in obtaining university tennis scholarships in the U.S. to help them achieve their educational and career goals.

**2023 Innovation Award: OSTEN & VICTOR Alberta Tennis Centre**

The OSTEN & VICTOR Alberta Tennis Centre is a leader in supporting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion strategies in the tennis industry. The OSTEN & VICTOR Alberta Tennis Centre became the first tennis club to produce a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report with the release of the Community Impact and DEI Report in March 2024. The SHE CAN PLAY program has become one of the premier girls programs in Canada and has attracted attention across Canada and internationally.

**2024 Gary Caron TPA Scholarship: Kyrylo Kryvchun**

Certified Club Pro 2, Kyrylo Kryvchun is the Head of Junior Development at the Arbutus Club. He is currently completing his Coach 2 certification course. Kyrylo really wants to continue to improve the overall teaching consistency of the competitive and recreational programs at Arbutus on a daily basis.

**2024 Rene Simpson-Collins Excellence in Female Coaching Scholarship: Suzana Cavalcante**

A certified Coach 2, Suzana Cavalcante is currently the Head of Junior Development at OSTEN & VICTOR Alberta Tennis Centre. She is currently completing her Club Pro 3 certification course. With a Master's Degree in Athletic Training, Suzana's commitment to tennis development is not only a testament to her skill on the court, but also her dedication to developing the next generation of tennis enthusiasts.

Once again, congratulations to all recipients!