

CANADIAN BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023

CBTF Annual General Meeting - September 2023

As CBTF 1st Vice President, I was responsible for the following projects and tasks during 2022-2023:

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Assisted Dana Peteleski on a draft for the revision to the point calculation system for the Province of the Year award. The draft was Executive approved for a trial run for the 22-23 season.
- Assisted Lynda Garland on her revision to the Lynda Garland Award For Excellence criteria (Executive approved at the 2023 Winter Executive Meeting) and introduced for the 22-23 season.
- Two Honourary Members, Sandi Watt & Barry Nye, Ron Kopas' retirement and Steven Kopas as the Sharon Holliday Memorial Award recipient were all acknowledged at the May 2023 NC/WBTC Qualifier. I prepared speeches and ensured that all would be in attendance for these special presentations. At Canadians, the four people were, once again, recognized and received standing ovations for their contributions to CBTF and our sport.
- Researched all motions and procedures regarding the Individual Challenge Cups as Deandra Leslie has withdrawn from her sponsorship of this award. A temporary new name (CBTF Individual Challenge Awards) was used for the 2022-23 presentations. The name and any procedural or calculation changes to be discussed at the 2023 Executive meeting.
- Conducted the 2022-23 CBTF Annual Awards nomination process. With thanks to the Selection Committee members, the nominations and result procedures ran successfully. Many thanks to Board members - Shawna Spencer, Tracy Eyssens and Jennifer Olson - for assuming seats on two of the committees due to conflicts of interest.
- Prepared a chart to be filled in when travelling awards were returned to the Canadians venue in July so that a record can be maintained as to who has the awards, how many awards need to be replaced and how many empty plates are remaining on each plaque.
- Provided brief written introductions for the Awards Ceremonies announcer.
- Provided written award descriptions for the Canadians Program.
- Coordinated the transfer of certain awards to the new recipients and will continue to keep track of the plaques that require updating.
- The 2022-2023 Top Ten Groups listing was incorrectly announced at Canadians. With thanks to Leisha Strachan (Group Rep) and Dana Peteleski (Technical Chair), a revised list with the correct order was prepared. I then sent out an apology letter to CBTF Group Coaches with the revisions.
- Prepared Certificates for some of the award recipients. My appreciation to Joanne Moser and Sue Mephram for helping with the printing of the CBTF Certificates, the ordering of the replacement plaques for the Athletes of the Year and the special gifts for Honourary Members, the Lifetime Achievement recipient and the retiring board member.
- I am currently working on the certificates and gifts for the Canadian Contingent athletes, judges & team manager to the Nations Cup and World Baton Championship.
- There are many new and revised sections to be added to the Honours and Awards Procedure. Once completed, I will do a full revision for the CBTF website.

There was a bit of an increase in the number of nominations. Thanks to Jeff Johnson, Joanne Moser and Shawna Spencer for publishing the nomination forms and information on social media for me. Thank you to those who took the time to nominate.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I sat on the CBTF Education Committee as a contributor and am pleased with the successful completion of many of the projects and tasks. I continue to organize, update and develop the CBTF Technical Rule Book found on our website. I also keep a record of all CBTF motions in a Motion Handbook for reference.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Edie Parisian has replaced me as the Chair of this committee and we welcomed two new members – Tracy Eyssens and Theresa Porter – in the fall. Edie has prepared a 2022-23 Committee Report which I have included with this report.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY (EDI) COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed after the 2022 Fall Conference and our first meeting was held on January 10, 2023. As interim chairperson, I prepared a Terms of Reference document which was Board approved on January 22, 2023 at the Winter Board Meeting. A report to the Board of Directors was presented at the same meeting. Kristin Macaraeg took over the chair in late January but, to date, a second meeting has not been held. No annual report is forthcoming.

OTHER

I have participated in various email discussions, eVotes, Bye Policy applications, webinars and conference calls for the Education & Marketing & Communication committees, Executive and Board of Directors throughout the year. I have also joined a committee to work on the CBTF Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual but the formation of the new IBTF has caused us to put this work on hold for now.

I wish to extend sincere appreciation to Dana, Joanne, Jeff, Sue and Shawna for assisting me in the various tasks I've been involved in this past year. I also wish to CONGRATULATE all the wonderful athletes, coaches, judges and administrators for their dedication to our sport.

Special Congratulations to our first Nations Cup/World Baton Championship Contingent – it was so thrilling to watch their performances, see the results and witness the joining of our international organizations! The future for Baton Twirling looks promising and exciting!

It has been my pleasure and certainly a privilege to work on behalf of the CBTF and I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

KAREN GRATTON

CBTF 1st Vice President

Attachments:

- *Full list of CBTF Annual Award Recipients as presented during the 2023 Canadians in Edmonton.*
- *Full lists of the Canadian Contingent members to the first IBTF Nations Cup & World Baton Championships in Liverpool, England.*

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2023 CBTF AWARD RECIPIENTS

2023 CANADIAN WINNER/CHAMPIONSHIPS – JULY 2-6, 2023 – EDMONTON, AB

PRESIDENT'S CUP	ALBERTA
PROVINCE OF THE YEAR	ONTARIO
HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS	SANDRA WATT, BARRY NYE
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	LUCINDA MCMASTER
LYNDA GARLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE	KAREN GRATTON
SHARON HOLLIDAY MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD	STEVEN KOPAS
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	CINDY DIETRICH
CBTF ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP	SARAH DOHERTY
ATHLETE "SPIRIT OF TWIRLING" AWARD	BROOKE MAURO
2023 JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE AWARD	LUCY GRAY
2023 SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE AWARD	ELISE MILLER
2023 GROUP CHALLENGE CUP	PHOENIX BATON

2023 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR:

- 2023 JUNIOR FEMALE ATHLETE	No Recipient
- 2023 SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE	JULEE STEWART
- 2023 JUNIOR MALE & SENIOR MALE ATHLETES	No Recipients
- 2023 PAIR	EMILY LEWALL & BROOKE MAURO
- 2023 TEAM	SOBG "NOEL"
- 2023 OVERALL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	JULEE STEWART

2023 GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:

- WOMEN'S SOLO	JULEE STEWART
- MEN'S SOLO	No Recipient
- DUET	SARAH & CASSIDY DOHERTY
- MEDLEY	JULEE STEWART
- SOLO DANCE TWIRL	JULEE STEWART
- 2-BATON	BRIANNA MIDDLETON
- 3- BATON	JULEE STEWART
- DANCE TWIRL TEAM	SOBG SR SMALL – "ACTION"
- TWIRL TEAM	SOBG SR SMALL – "RHAPSODY"

APPRECIATION GIFTS

NATIONAL NC/WBTC QUALIFIER COMPETITION DIRECTOR	JEFF JOHNSON
NATIONAL NC/WBTC QUALIFIER HOST PROVINCE COORDINATOR	JENNIFER OLSON
NATIONAL NC/WBTC QUALIFIER HEAD TABULATOR	CINDY DIETRICH
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION DIRECTOR	JEFF JOHNSON
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP HOST PROVINCE COORDINATORS	CANDY TEDFORD & SHARI FOSTER
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP HEAD TABULATOR	CINDY DIETRICH
RETIRING BOARD MEMBER (Athletes' Rep)	SHAWNA SPENCER

84 (approx.) CANADIAN CONTINGENT MEMBERS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES and GIFTS FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE 1ST IBTF NATIONS CUP & BATON TWIRLING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

2023 IBTF NATIONS CUP – CANADIAN CONTINGENT MEMBERS

NEW BRUNSWICK

Julie Allain
Sophie Babineau
Lucy Gray
Coach: Brenda Arsenault-LeBlanc

ONTARIO

Jessica Antoniak
Leah Baraniuk
Eva Bell
Morgan Dixon
Cassidy Doherty
Sarah Doherty
Siraya Franklyn
Charlotte Grimshaw
Brooke Harrop
Sydney Johnson
Veronica Lee
Hannah Lywood
Ashley McBeth
Alexia Olson
Elsie Post
Shawna Spencer
Mya Whitwell

Coaches:

Sheryl Baraniuk
Elaina Frank
Susan Franklyn
Amy Kalin
Tonya Lee
Arnaud Lemazurier
Jennifer Olson

Judge: Kim Genton

Team Manager: Steven Kopas

MANITOBA

Emma Baker
Caitlyn DeJong
Kaitlyn Doherty
Meghan Stanger
Laura Tymchyshyn

Coaches:

Dana Peteleski
Leisha Strachan

SASKATCHEWAN

Emma Barton
Annie Craig
Emma Davidson
Brooke Elchuk
Abbigail Fendelet
Amy Ketilson
Annabelle Kish
Alexandra Maley
Danika McIlwaine
Elise Miller
Annabelle Porter
Alyssa Roberts
Hanne Rohrmann
Avery Switzer
Svea Thorsteinson
Emma Vanderzwan
Jules Yee

Coach Assistant: Julee Stewart

Coaches:

Maureen Johnson
Nancy Lightheart & Team Manager
Elan Paluck
Kellie Towriss

ALBERTA

Juliana Barbo
Paige Epp
Isabella Evans
Kaitlyn Lario
Macey Leiser
Brooke Mauro
Kendall Patton
Jayde Plett
Allison Quo
Madeline Robertson
Malina Seredinski
Emily Smith
Zoe Stamp

Coaches:

Loren Dermody
Loranne Meek
Taelyr Patton
Zoe Serediuk

Judge: Jenna Jemieff

**2023 IBTF WORLD BATON
CHAMPIONSHIP – CANADIAN
CONTINGENT MEMBERS**

NEW BRUNSWICK

Brianna Middleton

Coach: Brenda Arsenault-LeBlanc

ONTARIO

Jessica Antoniak
Leah Baraniuk
Eva Bell
Ivy Bell
Cassidy Doherty
Sarah Doherty
Siraya Franklyn
Brooke Harrop
Annabelle Ho
Sydney Johnson
Hannah Lywood
Ashley McBeth
Alexia Olson
Elsie Post
Amanda Vormittag
Mya Whitwell

Coaches:

Kyla Dunstan
Susan Franklyn
Amy Kalin
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Juliana Barbo
Paige Boyd
Zoe Boyd
Feisaun Choy
Feiyunn Choy
Willow Curran-Morton
Paige Epp
Kensley Epp
Isabelle Evans
Kaitlyn Lario
Macey Leiser
Emily Lewall
Brooke Mauro
Kendall Patton
Jayde Plett
Allison Quo
Madeline Robertson
Malina Seredinski
Emily Smith
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