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## **Yukoners honoured for sport and recreation achievements**

WHITEHORSE—The annual awards of excellence and recognition for achievements in sport and community recreation leadership were presented at the 2012 Sport Yukon Annual Awards Night celebration in Whitehorse last night.

“It is an honour to join Yukon’s high achieving athletes and sport and recreation leaders to celebrate their successes and to recognize them for their contribution to our communities,” Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor said. “Their hard work, perseverance and dedication as athletes, coaches or volunteers are an inspiration for us all.”

At the ceremony, 166 Yukon athletes representing 24 different sports – from basketball and bocce to arctic games and wrestling – were recognized for outstanding performances at regional, national and international competitions.

A Community Recreation Leadership Award was presented to Fran Etzel of Ross River. This award goes to individuals who serve as role models in their community and who make outstanding efforts to promote the benefits of sport and recreation. Etzel has worked tirelessly for many years to encourage and support youth participation in sport and recreation. Yukon Community Recreation Leadership Awards have been presented to 27 individuals since 2000.

John Flynn was inducted into the Yukon Sport Hall of Fame for his leadership in promoting and developing sport in Dawson City and throughout the territory.

During the ceremony, a Parents Module of the new nation-wide Respect in Sport initiative was launched. It will provide online training for parents of active kids and will help ensure that parents help create a supportive environment for their children and youth while participating in sports. The 2012 Arctic Winter Games legacy plan for Yukon was also announced.

For more information on the awards, please visit [www.community.gov.yk.ca](http://www.community.gov.yk.ca).

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For the list of award recipients please see backgrounder below.

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## 2012 Government of Yukon Sport Awards

### Award for Community Recreation Leadership

Fran Etzel, Ross River

### 2012 Awards of Excellence

<b>Award</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Excellence	Dahria	Beatty	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Fabian	Brook	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Janelle	Greer	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	David	Greer	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Knute	Johnsgaard	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Kendra	Murray	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Graham	Nishikawa	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Emily	Nishikawa	Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Thomas	Scoffin	Curling
Excellence	Zach	Bell	Cycling
Excellence	Leif	Blake	Orienteering
Excellence	Trevor	Bray	Orienteering
Excellence	Ross	Burnett	Orienteering
Excellence	Kerstin	Burnett	Orienteering
Excellence	Savannah	Cash	Orienteering
Excellence	Brent	Langbakk	Orienteering
Excellence	Nesta	Leduc	Orienteering

Excellence	Jennifer	Mackeigan	Orienteering
Excellence	Caelan	McLean	Orienteering
Excellence	Kendra	Murray	Orienteering
Excellence	Forest	Pearson	Orienteering
Excellence	Barbara	Scheck	Orienteering
Excellence	Hannah	Shier	Orienteering
Excellence	Amanda	Thomson	Orienteering
Excellence	Nicholas	Rittel	Shooting
Excellence	Garry	Chaplin	SO - Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Owen	Munroe	SO - Cross Country Skiing
Excellence	Chris	Lee	SO - Curling
Excellence	Darrin	Lucas	SO - Curling
Excellence	Gaetan	Michaud	SO - Curling
Excellence	Colin	Sterriah	SO - Curling
Excellence	Micheal	Sumner	SO - Figure Skating
Excellence	Heather	Clarke	Speed Skating
Excellence	Mackenzie	Downing	Swimming
Excellence	Mary Anne	Myers	Swimming
Excellence	Jeane	Lassen	Weightlifting
Excellence	Brittanee	Laverdure	Wrestling

## **2012 Awards of Recognition**

<b>Award Type</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Role</b>
Recognition	Tom	Fulop	Arctic Sports	Athlete
Recognition	Luke	Londero	Arctic Sports	Athlete
Recognition	Anna	Rivard	Arctic Sports	Athlete
Recognition	Jenna	Blanchette	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
<b>Recognition Sarah</b>	<b>Crane</b>	<b>Basketball - Junior Female</b>	<b>Coach</b>	
Recognition	Teah	Dickson	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Robyn	Fortune	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Shakiba	Kazemi	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Mikaela	Lane	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Amanda	Mervyn	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Quynh	Nguyen	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Colleen	Prenoslo	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Galena	Roots	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Jacy	Sam	Basketball - Junior Female	Athlete
<b>Recognition Tim</b>	<b>Brady</b>	<b>Basketball - Junior Male</b>	<b>Coach</b>	
Recognition	Chris	Carino	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Josh	Hansen	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Peter	Hanson	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Bryan	Hermosa	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Rowan	Huggard	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete

Recognition	Jake	Jacobs	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Gerard	New	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Brian	Prenoslo	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Soleil	Stimson	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	William	Thomson	Basketball - Junior Male	Athlete
Recognition	Nadia	Moser	Biathlon - Ski	Athlete
Recognition	Kieran	Halliday	Biathlon - Snowshoe	Athlete
Recognition	Erin	Hoehn	Biathlon - Snowshoe	Athlete
Recognition	Fabian	Brook	Cross Country Skiing	Athlete
Recognition	Katie	Peters	Cross Country Skiing	Athlete
Recognition	David	Aho	Curling	Athlete
Recognition	Ryan	Burke	Curling	Athlete
Recognition	Kurtis	Hills	Curling	Athlete
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>Wade</b>	<b>Scoffin</b>	<b>Curling</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Recognition	Spencer	Wallace	Curling	Athlete
Recognition	Dustin	Blackjack	Dene Games	Athlete
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>Jonah</b>	<b>Caesar</b>	<b>Dene Games</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Recognition	Doronn	Fox	Dene Games	Athlete
Recognition	Justin	Smith	Dene Games	Athlete
Recognition	Taylor	Vallevand-Vance	Dene Games	Athlete
Recognition	Kat	Atmanspacher-Wirth	Dog Mushing	Athlete

Recognition	Rachel	Kinvig	Dog Mushing	Athlete
Recognition	Bryn	Hoffman	Figure Skating	Athlete
Recognition	Fayne	O'Donovan	Gymnastics	Athlete
Recognition	Michael	Arnold	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Craig	Berube	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Graeme	Close	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Wyatt	Gale	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>Kirk</b>	<b>Gale</b>	<b>Hockey - Midget</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Recognition	Tyson	Glass	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>Jay</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Hockey - Midget</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Recognition	Michael	Hare	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Chase	Hobbis	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Tyrell	Hope	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Bradley	Koprowsky	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Brayden	Kulych	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Matt	McCarthy	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Cole	Morris	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Isaac	Moses	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Nigel	Sinclair-Eckert	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Michael	Skookum	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Patrick	Soprovich	Hockey - Midget	Athlete

Recognition	Tyler	Wiens	Hockey - Midget	Athlete
Recognition	Samantha	Burgis	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Emily	Dorosz	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Camille	Galloway	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Jaylene	Kelly	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>Charly</b>	<b>Kelly</b>	<b>Indoor Soccer - Junior Female</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Recognition	Megan	Lanigan	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Carolyn	Miller	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Brittany	Milner	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Morgan	Paul	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Emily	Wilson	Indoor Soccer - Junior Female	Athlete
Recognition	Lara	Bellon	Snowboarding	Athlete
Recognition	Adam	Waddington	Snowboarding	Athlete
Recognition	Kate	Londero	Snowshoeing	Athlete
Recognition	Logan	Roots	Snowshoeing	Athlete
Recognition	Heather	Clarke	Speed Skating	Athlete
Recognition	Hanna	Wirth	Speed Skating	Athlete
Recognition	Brady	Bonnycastle	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Justin	Dragoman	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Mason	Gray	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Michael	Hunter	Volleyball	Athlete

Recognition	Charlie	Kedziora	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Henry	Kedziora	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Jeremy	Mann	Volleyball	Athlete
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>Shaun</b>	<b>McLoughlin</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Coach</b>
Recognition	Daniel	Naef	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Albert	Spycher	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Lowell	Tait	Volleyball	Athlete
Recognition	Kelly	Glada	Wrestling	Athlete

### **55+ Games Awards of Recognition**

<b>Award</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Position</b>
Recognition	Drew	Ball	Golf	Athlete
Recognition	Pamela	Bangart	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	Chuck	Barber	Golf	Athlete
Recognition	Holly	Cowman	Bocce	Athlete
Recognition	Jim	Coxford	Swimming	Athlete
Recognition	Gail	Miller-Craigen	Cycling	Athlete
Recognition	Mike	Craigen	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	Paul	Dabbs	Cycling	Athlete
Recognition	Roddy	Dale	Swimming	Athlete
Recognition	Darlene	Dimsdale	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	George	Dimsdale	Cycling	Athlete



Recognition	Brenda	Dion	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	Susanna	Edwards	Swimming	Athlete
Recognition	Sue	Findlater	Swimming	Athlete
Recognition	Merton	Friesen	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	Al	Fozard	Golf	Athlete
Recognition	John	Hall	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	Naomi	Hall	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	Linda	Hewitt	Bocce	Athlete
Recognition	Spence	Hill	Swimming	Athlete
Recognition	George	Hinderman	Curling	Athlete
Recognition	Clarence	Jack	Curling	Athlete
Recognition	Coleman	Johnson	Golf	Athlete
Recognition	Millie	Jones	Swimming	Athlete
Recognition	Donna	Jones	Track and Field, 5km & 10km Run	Athlete
Recognition	Dave	Kalles	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	David	Knight	Bocce	Athlete
Recognition	Nesta	Leduc	Swimming	Athlete
Recognition	Hank	Leenders	Track and Field & 5 km Run	Athlete
Recognition	Judy	Lightening	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition	Doug	Lorenzen	Bocce	Athlete
Recognition	Tom	Parlee	Track and Field	Athlete

Recognition Arla	Repka	Bocce	Athlete
Recognition Bill	Simpson	Bocce	Athlete
Recognition Darlene	Thompson	Horseshoes	Athlete
Recognition Marla	Veliscek	Track and Field	Athlete
Recognition Bob	Walker	Curling	Athlete
Recognition Gordon	Zealand	Curling	Athlete

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