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Saskatchewan Cycling Association awards 2011 achievers at AGM

The Saskatchewan Cycling Association awarded trophies to its top achievers during its annual general meeting held on Sunday, September 25.

Joshua (Josh) Kropf, of Caron, won the **Wotton Bowl**, awarded for outstanding achievement in road or track racing during the past twelve months.



Kropf, a first-year Cadet (15 years old) racer, has been a solid leader, consistently competing in Midweek club races with top 5 results throughout the season. In provincial races, he placed in top spots in Category 4 races:

- 1st in the Spring Classic Criterium
 - 1st in the Bikes on Broadway Criterium (Saskatoon)
 - 1st in the Swift Current Time Trial
 - 1st in the Junk Yard Dog Manitoba Cup TT & Criterium
 - 1st Overall in the Junk Yard Dog Stage Race
 - 1st Overall in the Prince Albert Stage Race
 - 2nd in the Prince Albert Road Race
 - 2nd in the Junk Yard Dog Road Race
- 2nd in the Regina Stage Race Criterium (Cat 3)
 - 2nd overall in the Regina Stage Race (Cat 3)
 - 2nd Overall at the Spring Classic Stage Race
 - 2nd Overall at Bikes on Broadway Stage Race (Saskatoon)
 - 2nd Overall in the Swift Current Stage Race
 - 3rd in the Regina Stage Race Road Race (Cat 3)
 - 4th in the TT at the Devon Grand Prix
 - 6th Overall at the Tour De Bowness (Calgary)
 - 7th in the Devon Grand Prix Criterium
 - Gold Medal Winner in the Sask Cup Overall for Cat 4
 - Gold Medal Winner in the Provincial U17 15 KM TT

Photo: Peter Steckhan presenting the Wotton Bowl to Josh Kropf

Cory Zetterstrom, of Saskatoon, won **Mountain Bike Top Rider of the Year**, given for outstanding achievement in Mountain Bike Racing during the past twelve months.

For most athletes, a broken femur would signify the end of their season and potentially a long road of recovery before re-finding their lost form. For Zetterstrom a broken femur in early June represented a challenge. By combining his knowledge of kinesiology with

sheer determination (and a lot of pain tolerance) Zetterstrom was on the trails just days after his surgeon said he would be allowed to walk. He was back racing in the provincial series at the nine-week mark. He finished 1st in the Elite men's provincial race and 1st overall in the Elite category for points, a remarkable comeback.

Brad Clifford, of Regina, won the **Ken Wilson Achievement Award**, presented in memory of Ken Wilson, in recognition of his extensive service to the Saskatchewan Cycling Association. Ken was an active racer, commissaire and volunteer. The award trophy is donated by Cycledelia Racing Club of Saskatoon. This award recognizes a member of the Saskatchewan Cycling Association who has achieved an outstanding personal result in a timed cycling event since the previous SCA awards ceremony.

Clifford had signed on with the H&R Block pro team in the spring, coached by Housang Amri. He was named to Canada's National Team and raced in Belgium. In addition, Clifford has become a strong mountain bike racer, reaching second place in the Elite category at the provincial mountain bike races in . In other races, Clifford placed:

- 2nd at Road Nationals in U23 Criterium
- Provincial Time Trial Champion
- 73rd Holland World Cup (Coskerp Kermese)
- 15th GC St Raymond 20th Killington, Vermont.

Joe Gomes, of Regina, won the **Cycling Mileage Achievement Program (CMAP) Trophy**, having logged 12,146 kilometres of cycling in the past 12 months, the most of any SCA member who kept track of their eligible distances.



Peter Steckhan, of Saskatoon, received **Outstanding Volunteer in the Road Sector**, awarded for outstanding contribution in the Road Racing, Track or Cyclo-Cross sector. The same member cannot win this award in consecutive years.

Steckhan has been a long-time member of Saskatoon's Cycledelia road race club, but in recent years has taken on a leadership role in both the club and the Saskatchewan Cycling Association. He has committed many hours local and provincial events, as a racer, an organizer and a spectator. His membership on the provincial board of directors helped cycling's Technical Committee become more efficient and effective.

Photo: Ron Cooley presenting Peter Steckhan his award.

Brad Turk, of Saskatoon, won the **Cameco Volunteer Award**, for outstanding volunteer contribution in the Mountain Bike sector. The same member cannot win this award in consecutive years.

Turk, described as “amazing, tireless and good natured”, is responsible for organizing the IMBA trail building course, creating several new trails at Blackstrap Provincial Park and fostering a working relationship with the Park staff that permits the Northern Bush Rastas and Bruce’s Cycle Works clubs to increase the number of trails that exist in that park. Riders of all abilities are discovering the beauty that the park has to offer and just recently the running clubs in Saskatoon have started looking to Blackstrap as a place to hold trail running events. Thanks to Turk, the future of a multi-use trail system at Blackstrap looks bright.

Wayne Walker, of Saskatoon, received **the President's Award**, recognizing outstanding volunteer contribution toward the overall development or progress of the SCA and can only be received once in a life time. This contribution may include development of a club, sector, committee, event, athlete or team.

Walker is described as “a fantastic volunteer for our association.” His first entry to the sport was in 1997 when his son Matt started to race mountain bikes. He then took the mountain bike and road provincial officials courses in 2001. He joined the Development Committee as the Chief Mountain Bike Commissarie in September of 2002, a position he held until Sept 2005, when he was elected president of the Saskatchewan Cycling Association, a position he held through 2009.

Among Walker’s contributions to the SCA:

- official at the 2004 Sask Summer Games in Weyburn
- took the national level mountain bike course in 2005
- official at the 2005 Canada Games in Regina
- official at the 2007 Western Canada Games in Edmonton
- official at the 2008 Sask Summer Games in Lloydminster
- chiefing mountain bike races and road races since 2001
- organized Bikes on Broadway
- attended out of province races as team manager
- attended 4 Canadian Cycling Association AGMs
- is a facilitator for the provincial mountain officials course

The Saskatchewan Cycling Association awarded **five-year plaques** to six members, in recognition of long-term volunteer service. Awards are presented for 5, 10 and 15 years of service on the SCA Board of Directors or the SCA Committees. On Sunday, plaques were awarded to:

Jason Christbason, Regina	Jim Large, Moose Jaw
Don Cook, Saskatoon	Pete L'Heureux, Swift Current
Mike Horn, Prince Albert	Peter Steckhan, Saskatoon

Photo: Don Cook accepting his 5 year volunteer award from Bob Cochran.

