

TPA Announces 2022-2023 Excellence Awards and Scholarships

July 3rd, 2023 - The Tennis Professionals Association is proud to announce TPA Excellence awards and scholarships recipients for 2022 and 2023. 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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2022 Coaching Excellence Award: Marek Nehasil

A certified Coach 3 for the Lakeshore Tennis Club in Saskatchewan, Marek has 15 years of coaching experience and has enjoyed a lot of success with his players in 2022, guiding them to both national and international titles.

2022 Club Professional Excellence Award: Ricky Twynam

Certified Coach 3, Tennis Director and owner of both Sani Sports on the south-shore of Montreal, Ricky Twynam manages over 50 tennis professionals, who are all active and certified with the TPA. In his role, Ricky oversees junior development and adult programs at both Sani Sports.

2022 Year-Round Facility Excellence Award: Atlantic Tennis Centre

The Atlantic Tennis Centre is the recipient of the 2022 Year-Round Facility Excellence Award. Committed to coaching excellence, this year-round facility holds multiple coaching courses, professional development activities and workshops to further the tennis coaching profession. In addition, the Atlantic Tennis Centre offers a wide variety of programs and services to meet its community's needs.

2022 Seasonal Facility Excellence Award: Premier Racquet Club

The Premier Racquet Club is a seasonal winter club with over 700 members. In addition to hosting TPA certification courses and workshops, PRC also engages in its community; in 2022, it provided scholarships for low-income children in the community, partnered with a local school to provide after school tennis programming and ran a charity event for them where over 400 kids from the school participated in a "Tennis-a-thon" that raised over \$10,000.

2022 Course Facilitator Excellence Award: Gary Caron

A certified Coach 3 and CP3, Gary Caron does not need any introduction in the world of tennis professionals in Canada. A course facilitator for CP2 and CP3 courses, Gary is a man who is regarded by many as a mentor and a reference in the world of club management and coaching development.

2022 TPA Service to the Game Award: Ari Novick

Certified Coach 4 and CP3, Ari Novick has spent over three decades at Tennis Canada in coaching development, where he played a key role in the establishment of the Tennis Professionals Association. Among his many accomplishments, Ari Novick established the current coaching system which has received the ITF Gold Standard, incorporated Progressive Tennis/Kids Tennis, and helped to grow the TDC Program that supports clubs that operate junior development programs with services and benefits based on objective measurable automated criteria. For all these reasons, the TPA decided to rename this award the **"Ari Novick Service to the Game Award"**, starting in 2023.

2023 Gary Caron TPA Scholarship: Isabella Baston

A certified CP2, Isabella Baston is a young promising coach who is currently finishing her Coach 2 certification with Tennis Canada. Not only is Isabella Baston involved in the development of young players both on court and off court (U6 curriculum developer), but she also coaches on tour.

2023 Rene Simpson-Collins Excellence in Female Coaching Scholarship: Denise Fernandez

A certified Coach 3, Denise Fernandez is currently the director of tennis and player development at Tennis Saskatchewan. She has coached and mentored nationally and internationally ranked players as well as many players that have graduated on to NCAA division 1 and 2 universities. In addition, Denise has been instrumental in the development pathways of players in Saskatchewan.

Once again, congratulations to all recipients!