

Howard Wins Frier Award at Boyce Banquet

NEW ORLEANS, La. (May 25, 2006) - USA Volleyball honored its 2006 award winners on Thursday, May 25, at the Dorothy C. Boyce Annual Awards and Recognitions Banquet, presented by Molten and co-sponsored by Mizuno at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside hotel. Rebecca "Becky" Howard, a longtime member of the Board of Directors who was the first woman to serve as USA Volleyball President and Executive Director/CEO., was presented with the organization's highest honor, the Dr. Harold T. Frierhood "Frier" Award, to cap the night's events. Her three sons were there to share the surprise with her.

Earlier in the evening, Bertha Lucas was honored with the USVBA Medallion of Merit; Tom Blue was presented with the Wilbur H. Peck Referee Emeritus Award and Dee Yoe was announced as the winner of the Nancy Sharpless Scorekeeper Emeritus Award. Donna Carter, Mike Carter, John Kessel and Bill Stevens were presented with George J. Fisher Leader in Volleyball Awards.

Four-time Olympian Tara Cross-Battle was honored with the Boyce Moment for her outstanding contribution to the sport.

USA Volleyball also announced that it would name the 2006 Open National Championships after the late Dr. Murray Koorhan.

The 2006 Award Winners:

DR. HAROLD T. FRIERHOOD "FRIER" AWARD

Recognizes individuals who have made longtime significant contributions to volleyball

Rebecca Howard

GEORGE J. FISHER LEADER IN VOLLEYBALL AWARD

Named in honor of George J. Fisher, the first president of the United States Volleyball Association (1928-52) and a founding member of the USVBA

Donna Carter

Mike Carter

John Kessel

Bill Stevens

BOYCE MOMENT

Named for Dorothy C. Boyce who worked on the awards luncheon for many years

Tara Cross-Battle

E. DOUGLAS BOYDEN MEDIA RECOGNITION AWARD

Recognizes and thanks individuals who have supported volleyball on a continuing basis

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WILBUR H. PECK REFEREE EMERITUS AWARD

Tom Blue

NANCY S. SHARPLESS SCOREKEEPER EMERITUS

Dee Yoe

KAREN M. JOHNSON HUMAN RESOURCES AWARD

Presented to an individual in the area of Member Relations and Human Resources

Rebecca Howard

MERTON H. KENNEDY/ELMER L. JOHNSON HERITAGE AWARD

Recognizes individuals and organizations for their significant contributions to the planning, collection, storage, retrieval and management of volleyball archives

Gary Colberg

DR. NEVILLE A. "DOC" BOOTH COMMISSIONERS AWARD

Recognizes those individuals who have made significant contributions to volleyball and USA Volleyball through the office of the regional commissioner.

Jon Lee

JAMES E. COLEMAN USA NATIONAL TEAM

This award recognizes an individual for unusual length of service/involvement with the USA National Team programs; uncompromising commitment (in the spirit of James E. Coleman) to the USA National Teams program

Val Keller (posthumously)

GLEN G. DAVIES REFEREE SERVICE

Ron Buchanan

Cornelio "Corny" Galdones

ALL-TIME GREAT COACH

Contemporary Division - Taras Liskevych and Mary Wise

Pioneer Division - Manny Saenz and Catalino R. "Iggy" Ignacio

USVBA MEDALLION OF MERIT

The Medallion of Merit Award is given to individuals who have contributed significantly to the honor of the sport but whose contributions are not specifically covered by the criteria and provisions of other Corporation awards

Bertha Lucas

JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

Outstanding Female Coach - Venese Hiapo

Outstanding Program Director - John and Marilyn Lynch

Outstanding Clinician - Wayne King

Outstanding Parent Service - Rhonda and Brian Arndorfer

REFEREE AND SCOREKEEPER AWARDS

Golden Whistle Award - Kathy Ferraraccio

Silver Whistle Award - Rod Rodriguez

Gold Pen Award - Michael McNeil

Silver Pen Award - Michelle Prater

STAR AWARDS

Star Awards are given by the Diversity Commission to identify and recognize groups and individuals who demonstrate a successful commitment to diversity in volleyball.

Allan Chinn

Eric Daly

Peter J. Dunn

Karen Gee

Paul Hughes

Kim Oden

Roger Neppel

Molten USA

VIGGO O. NELSON MEMBER ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION AWARDS

Recognizes organizations that have achieved excellence in volleyball publications and encourages others to develop quality publications

Collegiate Media Guides

Women's 1A - Florida Southern College

Women's 2A - Notre Dame

Women's 3A - University of Alabama

Women's 4A - Florida State University

Men's - Penn State

USA Volleyball Regional Publications

Web Site - Hoosier

Handbook - Evergreen

Newsletter - Chesapeake