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Port Alberni's Dewayne Parfitt Recognized

The BC Games Society is pleased to announce that Mr. Dewayne Parfitt of Port Alberni is a recipient of the Sport BC Presidents Award for outstanding commitment and dedication to sport. Mr. Parfitt will be recognized at the annual Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards in Vancouver on March 2.

"I believe strongly that the level of success of the Port Alberni 2004 BC Winter Games was a direct result of Dewayne's passion and leadership, and his volunteer team of Directors picked up on his leadership style and subsequently staged the best ever BC Winter Games," said Kelly Mann, President and CEO of the BC Games Society.

It is often said that if you wish a job to get done, ask a busy person. When Dewayne was approached about leading the 2004 BC Winter Games, he was already heavily involved in Scouts Canada and the Port Alberni Chamber of Commerce. He saw this opportunity to become President as a way in which he could give back to his entire community as well as to the province. He saw it as a learning opportunity, a way to expand his skill sets as a manager and communicator. And while the personal gains he made were many, his contribution of time, of wisdom and of selflessness were tenfold back to his beloved Port Alberni. As he said many times, "I cannot believe how much fun I am having at this"; surely a testament to his good nature and his ability to share the many successes as the Games moved forward.

The BC Games Society is honoured to recognize Dewayne Parfitt for his incredible volunteerism and dedication to the BC Games and his community.

The Sport BC Presidents' Awards promote and celebrate the spirit of volunteerism by giving sport organizations an opportunity to acknowledge and thank an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to their sport. Each year, more than 40 deserving recipients are congratulated for the work they do in all areas of sport.

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