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Abbotsford's Susan Lemke Recognized

The BC Games Society is pleased to announce that Susan Lemke is the recipient of the Sport BC Presidents' Award for outstanding volunteer commitment and dedication to sport. Lemke was recognized at the annual Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards in Vancouver earlier this month.

Susan Lemke is the BC Games Provincial Advisor representing the sport of Archery. As Provincial Advisor, Lemke is the primary liaison between the BC Games Society and the BC Archery Association making important decisions on eligibility and sport technical rules. She is also responsible for recommending and appointing volunteers around the province to assist in organizing qualification events and promoting the sport.

Since the BC Games moved from participation based to an athlete development model, the BC Archery Association has faced some significant decisions as to their involvement in the Games. Lemke was instrumental in developing a proposal for a youth model of Games competition for Archery and defended the changes advocating the important role that the BC Summer Games plays in developing junior athletes.

Kelly Mann, President and CEO of the BC Games Society said, "Susan keeps a good balance between looking out for the best interests of her athletes, while working within the parameters of the BC Summer Games. Also, her informative articles in the BC Archer Magazine further state the case for the BC Games and the sport of Archery."

As a volunteer, Lemke is straight and true and always on target. The BC Games Society was honoured to recognize Susan Lemke for her incredible volunteerism and dedication to the BC Games and the sport of Archery.

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 50 deserving recipients are congratulated for the work they do in all areas of sport. For a list of all Presidents' Award winners visit www.sport.bc.ca.

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Photograph attached: Susan Lemke (left) Presidents' Award recipient and Kelly Mann (right) President and CEO BC Games Society at the Presidents' Award Ceremony, March 8, 2006.

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