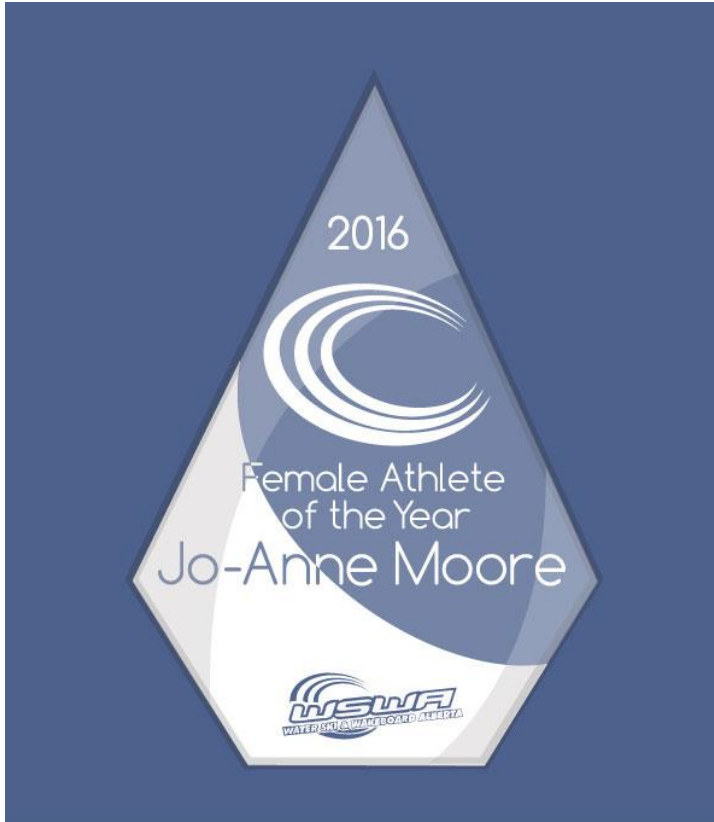


Congratulations to our Female Athletes of the Year

With two exceptional nominees, the selection committee simply could not exclude either one!

Jo-Anne Moore



Most of you know Jo-Anne Moore as the expert official and volunteer, and with over 800 hrs of volunteer time this year it is easy to understand why. Now we are recognising her water skiing accomplishments.

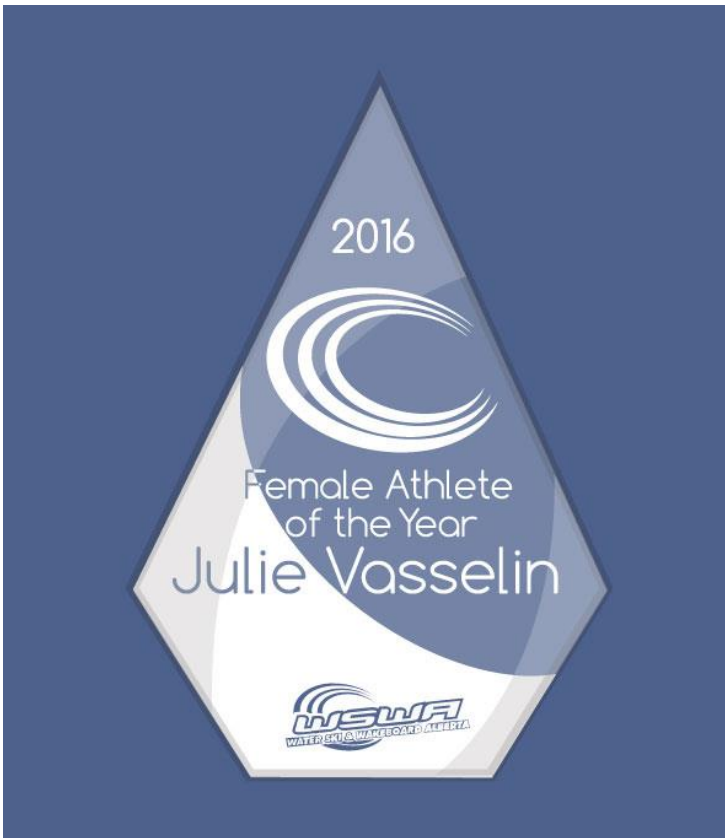
Jo-Anne eats, sleeps and breathes water-skiing. She is a dedicated athlete pushing to improve herself day in and day out, and her accomplishments as a skier this year are unmatched. She set three Canadian records in her specialty, the jump event. She also set three new Alberta records in the jump event and one new record in the trick event. At Canadian Nationals in Winnipeg she won gold in jump, trick and overall, and silver in the slalom event.

Her international accomplishments are equally as impressive. She is currently ranked 3rd in the world in the +55 women jump, 4th in Overall, 18th in trick and 34th in slalom.

Jo-Anne's skiing victories are legendary. She has 55 Canadian Championship medals and 35 of those are Gold! She currently holds the Canadian record for W4 and W5 Jump. She holds the provincial record for W3 jump, W4 jump, W4 Trick, W5 jump and W5 trick. Since 1996, Jo-Anne has won all but 1 jump event in Canada (in the 2005 Nationals she placed 2nd by 0.1m). Her longevity and continued dominance is very impressive. She is an inspiration for 3 event female skiing in Canada.

Congratulations on an impressive year, Jo-Anne!

Julie Vasselin



This season, Julie Vasselin has shown great commitment to wake surfing. She has put in countless hours behind her boat. Though she only began competing 4 years ago, in 2016 she took the podium at every competition she entered. Most impressively, Julie came in first in Women's Outlaw at both the Canadian and the US Nationals, landing her first switch bigs pin in competition. She followed this by winning gold in the semi-pro division at the World Championship.

Julie's improvements over the year have been a pleasure to watch. With every new day she continues to amaze with the tricks she practises and masters so seamlessly.

Not just a competitive athlete, Julie can often be seen teaching surfing to local enthusiasts, helping out with surfing clinics, promoting the sport of wakesurfing, and supporting the community. At competitions, she always lends a hand, by judging and driving, hauling the competition boat, and giving tips and advice to other athletes.

Congratulations on your wins, Julie!