

Congratulations to our Official of the Year



When there is a water ski tournament happening, Sherry Richardson is probably there. As a level 3 Calculator (the highest possible level), level 3 Judge, Record Capable Chief Judge, and a level 2 Driver, she is *everywhere*.

As tournament organizer, Chief calculator and chief Judge at Predator Bay Water Ski Club, Sherry puts in upwards of 40 hours at each major tournament. The Hot Summer Nights tournaments may take a *bit* less time, but these tournaments are significant to skiers' and officials' development in the province. She used these tournaments to observe and development more officials from a grass root level. She also organized, obtained and presented fantastic prizes at every tournament and, more importantly, she acknowledged and encouraged each and every new competitor.

Outside of Predator Bay, Sherry was a significant contributor to the World Ranking list tournaments at Shalom Park. She acted as Assistant Chief Judge at the Chuck Moore Tournament and a Judge at the only professional event in the province, the Canadian Open.

The Canadian Nationals were held in Winnipeg where she contributed 40 hours over five days as assistant Calculator and Judge. Her International events include three slalom tournaments in Florida where she acted as Chief Scorer.

In addition to working as an official at many events, Sherry works on a committee that maintains the Waterski officials' database for Alberta. Over the last two years she has organized four officials' clinics for judging and driving. She is also a part of the WSWC committee that is updating the program for improving our judging standards and number of qualified officials. She has volunteered over 200 hours this season alone in addition to skiing at many events around the continent.

Sherry's passion for the sport is clear, and she is an excellent recipient of Official of the Year. Congratulations Sherry!