



# SHSAA Service Award for Indian Head teacher

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Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association (SHSAA) announced the winners for its 2023 Service Awards last week, and Dave Clark was the recipient for the Qu’Appelle Valley District.

SHSAA Service Awards recognize nominees who strongly promote high school athletics in each district and provide noteworthy leadership and service.

Dave Clark, a teacher at Indian Head High School, has been involved with school sports and made a positive impact on students through multiple roles. Since 1999, he has coached senior girls basketball teams, leading them to HOOPLA eight times where they won two bronze medals and three silver medals. He has also coached junior girls basketball teams as well as track and field. In addition to coaching the senior girls during regular basketball games, Clark has organized a Heartbreaker Classic tournament at Indian Head for more than a decade. Each February, the “Pink Game” event raises thousands of dollars to support cancer research.

Clark has served on the QVDA Executive for many years, both as Referee in Chief for Basketball and as a Member at Large. He was a member of the SHSAA Basketball Ranking Committee and has presented at the SHSAA Coaches Symposium.

QVDA President Trevor Viergutz, who also teaches and coaches at Indian

Head High School, acknowledged the tireless effort that Clark expends in coaching.

“Dave pours his heart and soul into every sport that he coaches,” Viergutz said. “He is a lifelong learner who is always striving to learn more. He has attended coaching clinics, meticulously watches film, and fills up white boards full of scouting reports.”

Viergutz noted that this attitude benefits students by encouraging them to work hard and develop positive character traits themselves.

“Dave is the type of coach that recognizes the potential in his athletes. He has the innate ability to realize when a team or an athlete can be challenged and pushed to their limits and what their potential is,” Viergutz added. “Athletes leave his program with a life-long bond and some of their best high school memories, learning values of sportsmanship, comradery, and finding their own strengths through sport.”

SHSAA President Al Wandler, who initiated the Pink Game tradition in Assiniboia which Clark subsequently brought to Indian Head, spoke in a similar manner about Clark’s impact.

“Your tireless preparation and willingness to be there for your athletes over the years has always been something I’ve been trying to strive for,” Wandler said following the award announcement. “I honestly think that your Pink Game contribution has been so important to the program.”



**Coach awarded**  
Coach Dave Clark, pictured with the senior girls basketball team at a fund-raising tournament for cancer research, is the 2023 SHSAA Service Award recipient for the Qu’Appelle Valley District.

# New exhibit celebrates 75 years of football history



**New display**  
The Indian Head Museum features a new exhibit that highlights Broncos Football in recognition of the team’s 75th anniversary. The display also includes a jersey (far left) belonging to the late Ken “Scoop” McCabe that is on loan to the museum.

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While work continues on improvements to McCall Field, home of the Indian Head Broncos, the local museum is providing a peek into the football team’s past.

Over the last few weeks, volunteers and contractors have worked diligently at the field beside Indian Head High School on Crawford Street. They cleared bushes, removed sod, and marked placements for irrigation and lighting. The improvements are being made possible through grants and fundraisers.

Simultaneously, volunteers sorted through football memorabilia at the museum on Otterloo Street. The Broncos are marking their 75th anniversary this year, as indicated on the float they entered in the Indian Head Days’ parade. Past and present team members accompanied the float, including Scott McCall who played in the 1980s and who is the son of Coach Dave McCall for whom the local field is named. There was also a player on the float from each year the team won a provincial championship title (1962, 1963,

1966, 2013 and 2019).

Another way the team is celebrating its 75th year involves the local museum. Virginia Horsman and Shauna Reiger from the Broncos Parents Association collaborated with Indian Head Museum vice-president Robyn Jensen to create a display which outlines the Broncos’ history. The special exhibit features artifacts such as uniforms and pennant flags, as well as medals and team photos dating back to the 1940s. Large posters provide background information about the place of football in the community.

One of the jerseys on display belonged to the late Ken “Scoop” McCabe and was loaned to the museum by his family for the occasion. Several other items were previously displayed at the Indian Head Rural Sports Hall of Fame that McCabe once operated.

The Broncos exhibit can be viewed during regular museum hours this summer, and some elements will be transferred to the football showcase at Indian Head High School this fall. The Indian Head Museum is open in July and August, Sunday to Friday 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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