

## Tennis BC Excellence Awards 2025

### Amy Shen- Junior Female Player of the Year

Amy Shen was recognized as Junior Female Player of the Year after an incredible season of accomplishments. Earlier this year, Amy represented Canada at the Junior Billie Jean King Cup, gaining valuable international experience. Despite still being U14, she placed third at the U16 Nationals, proving her ability to compete well above her age group. Amy also played a pivotal role at the Canada Games, winning every one of her matches as the youngest member of Team BC. Currently ranked No. 1 in the country for her age group, Amy continues to establish herself as one of Canada's brightest young talents.



Amy Shen



Alden Yu

### Alden Yu- Junior Male Player of the Year

Alden Yu was named Junior Male Player of the Year following a standout season marked by national and international success. In April, he captured the U14 Nationals title on home soil in Vancouver. He went on to represent Canada at the Junior Davis Cup in the Czech Republic, further cementing his place among the country's top juniors. This summer, Alden celebrated another milestone by winning his first ITF tournament in Halifax. Now ranked No. 1 in the country for his age group, Alden has firmly established himself as one to watch on the Canadian tennis scene.

### Sasha Vagramov- Female Player of the Year

Sasha Vagramov earned the title of Female Player of the Year after breaking through on the professional circuit in 2025. Her season was highlighted by winning her first professional title, capturing the women's doubles crown at the ITF \$75,000 tournament in Granby. Sasha also reached the finals at the ITF \$15,000 tournament in Tel Aviv, Israel, and was a finalist at the ITF \$50,000 event in Saskatoon. These results mark a major step forward in her career and underline her status as one of BC's rising professional players.

### **Henry Ren- Male Player of the Year**

Henry Ren was recognized as Male Player of the Year after an impressive run on both the provincial and collegiate stages. In BC, Henry reached the finals at the National Bank Stanley Park Open and the Surrey Open, two of the province's most competitive events. Beyond his provincial results, he continues to balance his academic and athletic pursuits as he heads into his senior year at Dartmouth University, competing at the NCAA Division I level. Henry's commitment to excellence on and off the court makes him a strong representative of BC tennis.

### **BCWMTA- Contribution to Masters Tennis**

The BC Women's Masters Tennis Association (BCWMTA) was honored with the Contributions to Masters Tennis Award for their exceptional commitment to senior women's tennis in the Lower Mainland. Each year, the BCWMTA organizes four major events, supported by a dedicated group of volunteers who devote countless hours to creating competitive and welcoming opportunities for players. This year, the association also added a charitable component for the first time, raising \$1,200 in support of Tennis BC Girls Programs. Their tireless work continues to build community and strengthen the pathway for women's tennis at the Masters level.



BCWMTA (left to right)- Kara Wilson, Sara DesBrisay, Sarah Lo, Jaime Drake

### **Piers Zdan- High Performance Coach of the Year**

Piers Zdan was honored with the High Performance Coach Award for his outstanding contributions to player development across British Columbia. A Tennis Canada Course Facilitator and Provincial Coach for Tennis BC at both Indoor and Outdoor Nationals, Piers has played a key role in shaping the next generation of players. He also traveled with Team BC to the Little Mo International in Florida, providing athletes with valuable international competition experience. As Head of High Performance Tennis at the North Vancouver Tennis Centre, Piers works with players from U9 through to the National Championships, building a strong pathway for BC athletes to succeed.

### **Rachel Gould- Community Coach of the Year**

Rachel Gould was recognized as Community Coach of the Year for her outstanding impact on grassroots tennis across British Columbia. Over the past year, Rachel has been instrumental in growing the game through the Rogers First Set Tour, delivering workshops in communities including Nelson, Kelowna, Vernon, Salmon Arm, and Kamloops, as well as on Vancouver Island at Panorama Recreation Centre, Oak Bay Recreation Centre, and Parksville. She also ran an Instructor Course in Kimberley, helping to develop the next wave of coaches in the province. In her role as Regional Coordinator for Vancouver Island, Rachel organized “try it” days and special events at the Cowichan Tennis Club, creating fun and welcoming opportunities for players of all ages to experience tennis. Her dedication to expanding access and building community connections makes her a true champion for grassroots development in BC.



Rachel Gould



Marcus Andersson

### **Marcus Andersson- Contribution to Community Tennis**

Marcus Andersson received the Contribution to Community Award for his incredible efforts in growing the game at the grassroots level. Through his dedication and outreach, Marcus has introduced tennis to more than 20,000 children across the Lower Mainland, giving countless young players their very first experience on court. His passion for making tennis accessible and fun has had a lasting impact on schools and communities, inspiring the next generation to pick up a racquet and play.



### **Ray Miya- Volunteer of the Year**

Ray has been volunteering with Tennis BC for over 10 years, supporting events from Stanley Park to Nationals and Master Provincials. Volunteers are the unsung heroes and the backbone of tournaments, and Ray runs the tournament desk like a captain in a storm, calm, capable, and guiding everything smoothly no matter the challenge. Always full of energy, he brings a friendly face, a sense of ease, and laughter to every event - even during delays. He consistently goes above and beyond to support players and staff, both on and off the court. Beyond tournaments, Ray has volunteered his time and talents to local clubs, helping set up ladders and build the presence of leagues, serving as a community champion of the sport. He truly embodies Tennis BC's mission of inspiring and supporting the growth of tennis in British Columbia.

### **Sunil Dutt- Officiating Award**

This year's Officiating Award was presented to Sunil Dutt, whose dedication and passion for the sport make him a standout member of the tennis community. Balancing his work as a nurse and bus driver, Sunil still finds the time and energy to contribute tirelessly as an official. He began his journey as a rover and line umpire and recently discovered a new passion as a chair umpire, completing his first professional tournament in that role earlier this year. Most recently, Sunil also served as a line umpire at the Davis Cup in Halifax, showcasing his growing experience on the national stage. Beyond officiating, Sunil is an accomplished player who also gives back to the game by coaching at his club in Newton whenever his schedule allows. His commitment, versatility, and love for tennis embody the very spirit of the Officiating Award.



Sunil Dutt