

Youth Referee of the Year – Female: Abby Marth Selected for outstanding and level headed refereeing, professional in appearance, great attitude, dependable, consistent in performance, has a positive attitude toward players and team. This female youth referee exhibits outstanding refereeing skills as well as a terrific attitude and enthusiasm for kids playing soccer. The VSC Referee Assignor selects the female youth referee of the year in Vernon. Abby Marth was the Vernon nomination for NED youth referee of the year for the second year in a row. This year Abby was selected as the winner! Abby is a great part of our referee team. Abby thinks quickly on her feet. She is always on time, professional, and she sets a good example for the other referees. She enforces the laws of the game while accommodating for younger teams, so the players can learn the game. She is always willing to pick up extra games, is prompt in accepting assignments/communication, and has progressed into a strong Center referee. Vernon looks forward to having Abby as a strong part of its future.



Youth Referee of the Year – Male: Owen Federowicz Selected for outstanding and level headed refereeing, professional in appearance, great attitude, dependable, consistent in performance, has a positive attitude toward players and team. This male youth referee exhibits outstanding refereeing skills as well as a terrific attitude and enthusiasm for kids playing soccer. The VSC Referee Assignor selects the male youth referee of the year in Vernon. Owen Federowicz is the Vernon nomination for youth referee of the year. He is a great part of our referee team. Owen thinks quickly on his feet. He is always on time, professional, and he sets a good example for the other referees. He enforces the laws of the game while accommodating for younger teams, so the players can learn the game. He is always willing to pick up extra games, is prompt in accepting assignments/communication, and has progressed into a strong Center referee. Vernon looks forward to having Owen as a strong part of its future.

VSC Travel Coach/s of the Year: Adam Boutot- Generally, one coach or coaching team is selected. Criteria include the ability to bring an enjoyable experience to a team, to guide a competitive team to achieve its fullest potential, to consistently demonstrate sportsmanship, and to foster a lifelong passion for the game of soccer in each player, personal coaching development and citizenship. Nominations for coach of the year should include a comment on how the coach enhances the experience of the players from the above criteria. The VSC Competitive Director selects the travel coach of the year. Adam was selected as the VSC competitive coach of the year after an amazing outpouring of gratitude from the club, players and parents alike. Adam did a wonderful job with a group of players that worked through injuries and different skill sets. Adam served as the club trainer and used those skills to quickly develop the U14 boy's competitive team into a talented group of players. Great job Adam!





VSC Recreational Coach/s of the Year: Gokhan Kuruc- Generally one coach or coaching team is selected that dedicate their time and efforts to recreational soccer. Criteria include the ability to bring an enjoyable experience to a team. They promote participation and fun to the players, as opposed to winning and losing. Players and peers view this person as an influential role model, a person who is in the game for the kids to have fun and create a positive playing environment. Nominations for REC coach of the year should include a comment on how the coach enhances the experience of the players from the above criteria. The VSC Recreational Director selects the recreational coach of the year. This year it was very clear that Gokhan was a well-respected coach by players, parents and other coaches. Gokhan was fun to be around, was consistent in his approach and the club consistently received positive feedback on everything he did. Great job Gokhan!



VSC Pillar of the Community: Tim Moriarty- The VSC Pillar of the Community Award is presented by the Vernon Soccer Club Board of Directors, and recognizes a unique and exemplary contribution from an individual who has made a difference in building a stronger club and our Vernon community. Tim has volunteered to coach many soccer teams over the years ranging from recreational to competitive. The name says it all... The Pillar of the Community award is presented to an outstanding individual within our community. Tim lives in Vernon, is a Town employee and volunteers his time as a soccer and baseball coach. This past fall his baseball team made the playoffs and the u10 boys competitive soccer team that Tim coaches on went undefeated in league play. This fall, Tim stepped up to help with field care needs. Tim is a great role model for our youth and we are lucky to have him involved with many aspects of our community.



VSC Male Recreational Soccer Player of the Year: Lucas Herzog - An outstanding male player of the year is recognized for more than their athletic achievements in the sport of youth soccer. Sportsmanship and the individual's attitude towards trying are taken into account. The VSC Recreational Director selects the male recreational soccer player of the year. Lucas was always cheerful, compassionate and a great help as a team player. Lucas was always supportive of his teammates and was willing to play any position the coach requested. Lucas was a great competitor and an even better teammate! Great job Lucas!

VSC Female Recreational Soccer Player of the Year: Felicity Gounaris- An outstanding female player of the year is recognized for more than their athletic achievements in the sport of youth soccer. Sportsmanship and the individual's attitude towards trying are taken into account. The VSC Recreational Director selects the female recreational soccer player of the year. Felicity always came to practice with a smile and was ready to work. She put her best effort into drills and listened attentively to the coaches' instructions. Felicity was a great team player, kind to others and encouraged her teammates to do their best! Felicity was a pleasure to coach. Great job Felicity!



VSC Male Travel Soccer Player of the Year: Caleb Gyekye Asiedu- An outstanding male player of the year is recognized for their athletic achievements in the sport of youth soccer. The VSC Competitive Director selects the female travel soccer player of the year. Caleb's u10 boys' team went undefeated in league play this past fall. Caleb provided a wonderful attitude and drive to the team. Caleb scored 13 goals in 7 games and dominated league play. Caleb was, in his coaches' opinion, the best player in the CJSANED for his age group. Caleb has a bright future ahead in soccer! Way to go Caleb!



VSC Female Travel Soccer Player of the Year: Elaina Turcotte - An outstanding female player of the year is recognized for their athletic achievements in the sport of youth soccer. The VSC Competitive Director selects the female travel soccer player of the year. The team had a difficult season, but Elaina's attitude remained consistently positive. Not only was she the leading scorer on the team, but she was a consistent leader. Elaina's motor is always running high whenever it is a practice or a game. Even after a disappointing injury, Elaina showed to practices and games to support her teammates. Elaina is a perfect example of what we strive to have all players exemplify!

Board Member of the Year: Kathleen Shea- Generally, one person who serves on the Board of Directors and effectively dedicated substantial time, energy and enthusiasm on a volunteer basis to ensure the success of the Vernon Soccer Club's soccer program is a candidate for Volunteer of the year. The spirit of volunteerism is strong in VSC and essential to our continued operation. Board members often spend countless hours behind the scenes keeping the league running. This is an opportunity to recognize a board member and an important contributor to our voluntary organization. The VSC Board of Directors selects its board member of the year. Kathleen has served as the VSC Registrar for a number of years. This past season Kathleen led our appearance at a fair and led the charge to support our snack shack when help was needed. Most Saturday's you could find Kathleen supporting the club in the snack shack. Thank you for stepping up to help when help was needed!



VSC Service Award: Orlando Rivera-Anglero - Generally one person who serves the club for a number of years and has effectively dedicated substantial time, energy and enthusiasm on a volunteer basis to ensure the success of the Vernon Soccer Club's soccer program is a candidate for our service award. The spirit of volunteerism is strong in VSC and essential to our continued operation. Coaches and/or board members often spend countless hours over a number of years keeping the league running. This is an opportunity to recognize a coach and/or board member as an important contributor to our voluntary organization. The VSC Board of Directors selects all VSC Service Award recipients. Orlando has serviced as a board member as the Referee Director. Sadly, his time with our club has come to an end. Orlando will be missed and even with no children playing in the club, Orlando stayed on to keep the program moving. It is always bittersweet when we see players move on, but we are always grateful when their parents stay on to help! Our community is lucky to have volunteers like Orlando that contribute back even when they have not direct family participating. Thank you, Orlando.



Volunteer of the Year: Victoria Boyajian Generally, one person who has effectively dedicated substantial time, is an excellent role model for their community, has energy and enthusiasm on a volunteer basis to ensure the success of the Vernon Soccer Club's program is a candidate for our Volunteer of the year. The spirit of volunteerism is strong within the VSC and essential to our continued operation. Board members often spend countless hours behind the scenes (some 12 months a year) keeping the league running. Volunteer of the year is an opportunity to recognize an important contributor to our voluntary organization.

Victoria has simply been a "rock" within the VSC program this year. Serving as the club treasurer... Victoria does lots of the less glamorous work behind the scenes that keep our program running smoothly. Victoria coached multiple teams this past spring season and multiple teams this past fall season. We partner with players from the RHS soccer teams to volunteer hours with our club teaching young players the game. Victoria's teams were highly requested to be partnered with. Victoria has a great work ethic and excellent attention to detail, which is both desired traits with volunteers.

Victoria helped our club make some of our own uniforms and apparel this year. This saved our club substantial money. Victoria is always available to assist in putting up and taking down our club registration signs throughout the year, organizing whatever needs organizing and always the person taking care of things when nobody is watching. Victoria just gets things done.

We had a small gap in fundraising efforts with some volunteers leaving unexpectedly and some reducing their roles. Victoria stepped up to the plate to rally additional sponsorship and fundraising volunteers, which is the lifeblood of most clubs. This extra support sparked additional volunteerism from others.

If you have not heard, the Town of Vernon approved the purchase of 42+ acres for dedicated athletic fields. This will provide a dedicated space year-round for Vernon Soccer Club. Victoria spent countless hours rallying residents, answering questions on social media and by being a champion of the proposal.

The Vernon Soccer Club is proud of Victoria Boyajian and grateful that Victoria had chosen to volunteer her time with our club. This award is well deserved.

Thanks for all you do Victoria and congratulations!

President's Award: Jermaine Sewell VSC's highest award given each year to a VSC member or player; and/or friend of the VSC program. This award is selected by the VSC President. No Nominations for this award are accepted. Jermaine serves on the VSC Board of Directors as the Equipment Director, D5 Director, and as the Head Coach of the D5 15U Girls team. If that was not enough, Jermaine is the Chair of the VSC Discipline Committee and is the President of the RHS soccer booster club. Jermaine is a constant presence when help is needed. Whether it is helping with locating rec coaches for our club, contributing to fundraising efforts for the club, or performing major carpentry enhancements Jermaine is there. Jermaine is often the 1st to arrive at meetings and attended anything needed to rally support for our field's project. When help is needed delivering uniforms, helping with miscellaneous things or in the snack shack... Jermaine is always there to assist! VSC is proud to have Jermaine Sewell on the board and involved with the club. Thanks for all you do!

