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Ontario honors Sue

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TORONTO — What started as a job nobody cared for and became a labor of love for Mississauga's Sue Harris, resulted in possibly the greatest honor bestowed upon a sports person in the province of Ontario.

Sue Harris, who's spent a lifetime in the sport of gymnastics after graduating from the University of Western Ontario, was awarded by the Ontario government with the 1982 Special Achievement Award for amateur sport here at the Sheraton Centre Hotel Friday.

Harris was one of 18 recipients of the award — the highest and most prestigious honor bestowed upon an individual for contribution to the development of amateur sport in Ontario.

Harris first took up the sport while on staff at Lorne Park Secondary School as coach of the gymnastics team.

"No one wanted to coach the gymnasts, so I decided to give it a try," recalled Harris. "I didn't know much about basketball or track and field and I had to do something.

"All of a sudden I became an instant expert."

Harris made good use of the opportunity as she was meet director of OFSAA (Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association)

Harris also became involved outside of school.

She was a founding member of the Mississauga Gymnastic Club which was organized in 1969, was head coach for six years, served on the executive as a director for seven years and served as president for three years.

Later, Harris was also manager for some of Canada's teams and has also been an international judge. With so much experience behind her, Harris became president of the Ontario Gymnastic Federation in 1980.

Other recipients on the day were Chiquita (Canada) Ltd. and Seagram Distillers Ltd. of Mississauga which were given Provincial sport citation corporate sector awards for the companies' involvement in sports.

Among the 1,200 amateur athletes awarded on the day for gold-medal performances at inter-provincial or international competitions, 78 were from Mississauga.

Winners were as follows: Brad Wowchuk (badminton); Janet Masaro (bowling); Pat Hinrichsen (cricket); Margaret Gibb, Phyllis Ellis, Karen Hewlett, Darlene Stoyka, Lynda Atkinson, Kim Carmichael, Leslee Davis, Kim Fowler, Stephanie Hansuld, Fiona Reid, Joanne Wilton, Karen Whitfield, John Bussuttil (field hockey);

Monica Lipson, Mirko Savic (figure skating); Julie Wideman, Leanne Gallant, Andrea Owoc (gymnastics); Mandy Clayton (judo); George Chandler, Beck Hoffland, Bob McMahon, Eugene Mlynczyk (lacrosse).

Harvey Cameron, Heather Hattin, Linda Vogel (rowing); Rosemary Edmondson (shooting); Jeff MacInnis, Janice Cannon (skiing); Jason Addison, Henry Amar, Maurice Amar, Eddy Christina, Gerry Christina, Alberto Corso, John Dixon, Rod Dixon, Colin Hahnfeld, Gary Lockwood, Mike Lockwood, Dino Lopez, Lee Parker, Tony Pignatiello, Andy Rudderham, Colin Spencer, Lorenzo Stampatori, Victor Stampatori, Roger Woon-Sam, Cosimo Commisso, Gino Ferrin, Silvana Ferrin, Gord Frey, Trevor McCallum, Robert Manning, Hector Marinaro, Hector Marinaro Jr., Jose Navarro, Sandy Scamurra, Ralph Torres (soccer) were also recipients.

Keith Smout (swimming); Maree Kerr, Chester Yen (table tennis); Tom Harvey, Hatem McDadi (tennis); Jack Digiulio, Mike Szatsznajder (team handball); Joan Bender, Chris Brandy, Sharon Clarke, Doug Hinds, Angela Phipps (track and field); Barry Hicks, Jeff McClintock, James McClintock, Judy McClintock (water skiing) also took home citations.



John Sloan, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Recreation, presents Mississauga's Sue Harris with an Ontario citation for her years of work with the sport of gymnastics throughout the province.

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