



## **Curtis Chaplin**

### **Sports Volunteer of the Year Award**

A lifelong resident of Mission, Curtis Chaplin is committed to promoting athletics in the community. He is being recognized today with the Sports Volunteer of the Year Award for his dedication to reviving the Wildcats Volleyball Club.

After a long hiatus in our community, the Wildcats Volleyball Club was brought back to life four years ago. In the beginning, 19 eager youths made up two teams that practiced once or twice a week, and played in a few tournaments. Since that time, the club has grown to host both boys and girls teams, and there are over 40 young people that proudly wear the Wildcats uniform. The teams will be competing across the Lower Mainland and BC, and two teams will also be heading to the Western Canada nationals this year.

Curtis Chaplin is the hardworking head coach of the Wildcats Volleyball Club. His unmatched enthusiasm, dedication, and love of the game have been instrumental to the revival of this sport in our community. Curtis leads practices 6 days a week for at least two hours a day. He also coaches during tournaments, and when he's not on the court, he can often be found creating new practice plans for his teams or reading about how to enhance his coaching skills. Curtis is a role model and mentor. He is always available to answer questions, and is working to create successful athletes and respectful young adults. He is very passionate about the sport and wants to bring out the best in each player.