



Eco-Olympics

Medal Ceremony for the Parties and Individual Candidates in the
2004 Federal Election



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Eco-Olympic Medals Awarded to Candidates Across Canada

(Ottawa)The Sierra Club of Canada released its assessment of all the candidates across Canada, recognizing those who have clear environmental concerns with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

A surprise Pairs Gold was awarded to Jack Layton and Paul Martin for their work in earlier incarnations to promote greener, sustainable cities. As Minister of Finance, Martin had worked closely with Layton, then head of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, in creating a quarter of a billion dollars funding climate change initiatives in cities across Canada.

Every party included some Eco-Olympic medal winners. The New Democratic Party led in the Gold medals with twenty three awarded to the Liberals' twenty one Gold medals. The overall Liberal total, however, was the highest of the five parties with a total of forty-five medals awarded. The Conservative Party received four medals, two of them for first time candidates. The Green Party had fourteen individual medals as well as a team Gold. The Bloc Quebecois received a team Bronze and two personal medals.

Candidates expressing strong regressive, anti-environmental views are also identified.

"Sadly, just as in the real Olympics, some competitors are disqualified through drug screening. In the Eco-Olympics "DRUG" is an acronym for "Dreadful, Regressive and Un-Green," said Executive Director Elizabeth May.

In the 2000 Eco-Olympics, Jean Chretien was eliminated in the DRUG screening. In the 2004 Eco-Olympics, Stephen Harper failed the DRUG screening due to his opposition to Kyoto and statements that he does not accept climate change science. Liberal Cabinet Minister John Efford and Conservative Member of Parliament Rahim Jaffer were also eliminated.

In all over eighty individual candidates were recognized for their environmental achievements. The full Eco-Olympic report can be found on www.sierraclub.ca.

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

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Eco-Olympics

As the world heads to Athens for the Summer Olympic Games, Canadians head to the polls. Olympians will be running, leaping and rowing their way to glory, while the political games offer a range of hurdles and tests of stamina that few athletes could endure.

Canadians have a hard time learning how their candidates rate for environmental performance in the political games. Unlike in the United States, where Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters can provide a score for each Congressman based on their voting record, a Member of Parliament's voting record does not tell you anything -- except the extent of party loyalty.

In the 2000 federal election, the Sierra Club of Canada launched the Eco-Olympics. Once again, in 2004, in order to assist Canadians in identifying the political contenders with a strong environmental track record, medals are being awarded for the following categories: **Gold, Silver and Bronze** Medals on an individual or team (political party) basis.

As well, some candidates have been rejected from Eco-Olympic competition. In a satirical extension of the Olympic theme, some candidates are being identified as particularly anti-environmental through preliminary "DRUG" screening. In this case, "DRUG does not refer to illegal substances, but is an acronym for "**Dreadful, Regressive and Un-Green.**"

Sierra Club of Canada believes we need environmentally aware candidates in every political party. No political party has a monopoly on Eco-Olympians. Medal winners come from all the political parties; from both the ranks of incumbents and challengers. Those who have failed the DRUG screening include Conservative Leader Stephen Harper for his opposition to Kyoto as well as a Liberal cabinet Minister.

None of the medal awards constitute endorsements. In fact, in some ridings, more than one candidate has been recognized for environmental accomplishments. The Eco-Olympics are an attempt to increase voter awareness of the environment as an election issue. Those candidates who are multiple medal winners deserve the thanks and support of Canadians for working sometimes without the support of their own caucus, to give Canadian children a brighter, safer and healthier future. To all Eco-Olympic medalists, we urge continued training and a gritty determination to win more medals in the next competition. In other words, do not rest on your laurels!

TEAM MEDALS

- 1) **GOLD to the Green Party:** The Greens' platform is solidly oriented to environmental protection and rehabilitation. Team Coach Jim Harris is making an impressive debut in the federal games.
- 2) **SILVER to the New Democratic Party:** Significant improvements in team performance on key issues since 2000. New coach Jack Layton is cycling hard in le Tour de Kyoto.
- 3) **BRONZE to the Bloc Quebecois:** A strong party platform is marred by support for the asbestos industry.
- 4) **BRONZE to the Liberal Party:** Since 2000, strong performance in ratification of Kyoto, although implementation is weak. Recent announcements for clean up of toxic sites strengthen team Eco-Olympic chances. A GOLD is possible but performance needs to improve.

PAIRS GOLD

A strong performance by the now estranged pairs skating team of Paul Martin (as Minister of Finance) and Jack Layton (as Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities) delivered significant gains in municipal efforts to fight climate change. The political equivalent of triple Lutz in a flawless pairs performance!

INDIVIDUAL MEDAL CATEGORY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELECTED

- 1) *The Honourable Stephen Owen, Minister of Public Works, Liberal, Vancouver Quadra*

In the first Eco-Olympics, the never-before elected contender won a **GOLD** medal for the Eco-High Jump, reflecting his work at the provincial level in tough land-use conflicts. The initial confidence of the Eco-Olympic judges has been vindicated in Owen's first venture into the federal games. His commitment to the environment has resulted in significant new government policies.

GOLD for Greening Public Works

As Minister, Owen is pulling, pushing and wrestling his department into spending taxpayers' money smarter and greener. The recently announced commitments to energy efficient buildings will save even more money and help meet Kyoto targets. Initial efforts in Public Works have already resulted in \$14 million/year savings in reduced energy bills. Owen's commitment to increase the proportion of fuel-efficient vehicles purchased by government can help bring down prices for consumers.

ELECTED

2) *The Honourable David Anderson, Minister of the Environment, Liberal, Victoria*

Anderson has been both supported and derided by his green allies. He performs so well in certain areas (climate change), and so badly in others (endangered species). Still, there is no denying that this former real-life Olympian who took home a Silver Medal for rowing (Rome Olympics, 1960) deserves a **GOLD** medal for his work resulting in the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

GOLD for Kyoto Heavy Lifting

Anderson's previous strengths in rowing for Canada have been used in a different category. Canada's successful ratification of the Kyoto Protocol (December 17, 2002) owes much to Anderson's sheer determination and significant mastery of scientific and technical detail.

SILVER for Clearing Environmental Assessment Hurdles

A last minute effort to get to the truth of the environmental impacts of the Belledune incinerator, now under construction in Northern New Brunswick, with the announcement of a Panel Review on the Friday afternoon before the election call, qualifies for a **SILVER** for clearing those tricky hurdles.

DEFEATED

3) *Ian Waddell, NDP, Vancouver Kingsway*

GOLD for the Environmental Marathon

This veteran Eco-Olympian served for years at the federal level (1979-88), often championing environmental causes. He served as Environment Minister at the provincial level, and in between elections, has been a board member of the Sierra Club of Canada. A lawyer, filmmaker and author, Ian has also campaigned against bulk water exports and turned the campaign into a novel. He is now seeking a shot at House of Commons **GOLD**. The long distance runner is back.

ELECTED

4) *Randy White, Conservative, Abbotsford*

SILVER for Eco-Rowing for Clean Air

Randy White is no stranger to environmental issues, having been a consistent supporter of cleaning up the Sydney Tar Ponds in his native Nova Scotia. His Eco-Olympic Medal was achieved in his recent work in protecting the airshed of the Fraser Valley from a proposed power

plant in Washington State. Local constituents credit Randy's hard work as significant in achieving the defeat of the Sumas II plant.

DEFEATED

5) *Miles Richardson, Liberal, Skeena-Bulkley Valley*

GOLD for the Gwaii Haanas High-Jump

Miles Richardson, in his first venture into the federal games, is a well-known and highly respected leader in environmental and First Nations concerns. The former President of the Council of the Haida Nation, Miles Richardson played a critical role in the long struggle to protect one of Canada's most significant ecosystems. The Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve exists largely thanks to his efforts in managing the delicate negotiations, supporting the road blocks and protests and developing an alternative economic plan grounded in sustainability. When the House of Commons passed a unanimous resolution of all parties in support of protecting the area, also known as South Moresby, Miles said that the Great Spirit had been over the House of Commons. If elected, this **GOLD** medal holder can perhaps invoke the Great Spirit's presence once again.

ELECTED

6) *Peter Julian, NDP, Burnaby-New Westminster*

BRONZE for Rowing against the Tide

This first time Eco-Olympian merits a **BRONZE** medal for his work and volunteer experience with the Council of Canadians. Peter's role as Executive Director of the national organization gives him a deep understanding of critical issues, such as genetically modified organisms and the threats to Canada's water.

ELECTED

7) *Keith Martin, Liberal, Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca*

GOLD for Macal River High Dive

Dr. Keith Martin used to be one of the only environmentally aware Alliance Party MP's. His team-switching now places him in a good spot to pursue his **GOLD** medal activities to protect the Upper Macal River from a Canadian Dam in Belize. The Challilo Dam, now under construction, is a threat to rare species, the scarlet macaw and the tapir. But there was no animal more rare than an Alliance Party member who understood climate change. The Eco-Olympic judges have high hopes for this risk taking eco-athlete.

DEFEATED

8) *David Turner, NDP, Victoria*

GOLD for the Eco-Sprint

This former Victoria Mayor has a strong track record in the Eco-Sprint. Despite losing a local effort to install water treatment for Victoria's sewage, Turner has a number of medals to his credit. His support for public transit, municipal recycling and Clean Air Day make him a worthy challenger to Environment Minister David Anderson.

ELECTED

9) *Libby Davies, NDP, Vancouver East*

GOLD for Green Marathon

This veteran Member of Parliament has been consistent in supporting environmental priorities in the Green games. She has been helpful at every turn and has stood for commitments to Kyoto, cleaner water, against privatization of water supplies and against military actions overseas.

ELECTED

10) *Ujall Dosanjh, Liberal, Vancouver South*

GOLD for Reaching the Eco-Summit

This new member of the Liberal team achieved his eco-credentials while Premier of the NDP government at the provincial level. Dosanjh personally supported and implemented the protection of the grizzly bear population from trophy hunters. The moratorium he put in place has been dismantled by the Campbell government. More help for bears was put in place through interim protection of portions of the Great Bear Rainforest on the central coast. His government agreed to protect South Chilcotin Mountains (though again, only through an Order in Council) and choosing the Conservation, Recreation and Tourism option for the Lillooet land use plan (which included the South Chilcotin Mountains park, and several others) over the industry option. Both efforts now being undermined by the Campbell government.

DEFEATED

11) *Scott Fraser, NDP, Nanaimo-Alberni*

GOLD for Clayoquot Marathon

A first time entrant in the federal Green Games, Scott Fraser earned Eco-Olympic **GOLD** for his work as Mayor of the District of Tofino. Fraser was part of the effort to ensure that Clayoquot

Sound became a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. He served on the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Working Group and Transition Committee. Eco-Olympic judges expect great things if Fraser gets **GOLD** on June 28th.

ALBERTA

DEFEATED

1) *Brian Pincott, NDP, Calgary Southeast*

GOLD for Sprawl Heavy Lifting

A leader of Calgary environmental efforts, Brian Pincott is **GOLD** medal winner for work against urban sprawl. He is an outspoken critic of the encroachment of housing developments within a stone's throw of Spruce Meadows.

GOLD for Green Lawn Tennis

A second **GOLD** to this newcomer to the federal games for his work to protect the health of Calgarians on their own lawns. A leader in Sierra Club's Chinook Group, Pincott has worked tirelessly to achieve a municipal ban on toxic chemicals.

DEFEATED

2) *George Read, Green Party, Calgary Southeast*

GOLD for Eco-Hiking

It's the clash of the Titans in Calgary Southeast, as Green Party candidate George Read is on the same ballot with Brian Pincott. George earns **GOLD** for his work in the Sierra Club Chinook Group.

ELECTED

3) *David Kilgour, Liberal, Edmonton-Beaumont*

GOLD for Human Rights High Jump

Eco-Olympic judges awarded **GOLD** for David Kilgour's leadership on behalf of human rights in Tibet. Kilgour led a Parliamentary effort to persuade the Prime Minister to ignore threats from the Chinese government and meet with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Conflict resolution, peace-making cross party lines and earn a **GOLD** medal.

DEFEATED

4) *Jerry Paschen, Green Party, Edmonton Spruce Grove*

GOLD for Alternative Energy Marathon

Jerry Paschen is a long time activist for alternative energy and environmental protection. Welcome to the federal Green games.

DEFEATED

5) *Malcolm Azania, NDP, Edmonton-Strathcona*

SILVER for Rowing for Jasper

This first time entrant into federal politics is making an impressive impact. His **SILVER** medal is awarded as he is one of the only candidates in the region raising the issue of the threat to Jasper National Park. As the campaign rages on, bulldozers are building a coal haul road into one of Canada's most important areas for wildlife habitat, within three kilometres of Jasper. Opposition to the Cheviot open pit coal mine should be on everyone's lips. Credit to Malcolm Azania for tackling the issue.

DEFEATED

6) *David Parker, Green Party, Edmonton Centre*

GOLD for the Long-Distance Runner

Although new to federal politics, David Parker is no stranger to environmental achievements. His **GOLD** reflects his work for climate change action and in the promotion of eating lower on the food chain. The loneliness of the long distance runner is nothing compared to the loneliness of the Alberta vegetarian.

ELECTED

7) *Bob Mills, Conservative, Red Deer*

BRONZE for Endangered Species Relay

Arguably the Conservative Party's Greenest voice, Bob Mills was a 1970s advocate for the Conserver Society. This **BRONZE** medal is in recognition of a strong performance on the Environment Committee working for a stronger endangered species law.

SASKATCHEWAN

DEFEATED

1) *Don Kossick, NDP, Blackstrap*

GOLD for Eco-Triathlon

This eco-challenger has a stellar record in many key areas. Kossick is known nationally for his work for social justice, environmental concerns and peace. His solid **GOLD** medal in this, his first entry into the Federal Green Games, is a sign of hope. If he makes it to the finish line June 28th, the House of Commons will have a new green champion.

DEFEATED

2) *Nettie Wiebe, NDP, Saskatoon-Humboldt*

GOLD for 100 Yard Farm Dash

Nettie Wiebe is no stranger to politics having nearly captured the party leadership and the premiership in 2001. Her eco-track record is long and impressive. An advocate for the family farm, against multi-national imposition of genetically modified crops and reduced farm incomes, Nettie's voice is known across Canada and in Latin America. Her work as President of the National Farmers Union (1995-1998) is good parliamentary background (just ask Liberal MP Wayne Easter, also a former NFU President!) In this Eco-Olympic contest, Nettie Wiebe has a solid **GOLD** for her work on behalf of rural communities and for greener, healthier and more sustainable agriculture.

DEFEATED

3) *Dennis Gruending, NDP, Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar*

BRONZE for Eco-Olympic Triathlon

Dennis Gruending earned his **BRONZE** medal for his work when he was a Member of Parliament. Gruending brought his journalistic skills in rooting out the facts, to provide credible leadership on the environment in a previous Parliament as NDP Environment critic.

DEFEATED

4) *Dave Greenfield, Green Party, Saskatoon-Wanuskewin*

GOLD for Radioactive Relay

Another veteran Saskatchewan activist with a national reputation, Dave Greenfield has been a mainstay in the national Campaign for Nuclear Phase-out. Saskatchewan's role in the nuclear trade through export of uranium needs to be noticed more often -- even though it does light up in the dark.

ELECTED

5) *The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance, Liberal, Wascana*

BRONZE for Clearing Budget Hurdles

In his first federal budget, Goodale delivered on the \$4 billion promise for clean up of toxic sites across Canada. Other good news included capturing proceeds from selling Petro-Canada for new technologies and Kyoto implementation. Not known for eco-challenges, Ralph Goodale has always been fair minded and supportive of needed environmental initiatives.

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ELECTED

6) *Bill Blaikie, NDP, Elmwood-Transcona*

GOLD for Eco-Weight Lifting

Bill Blaikie is one of the true statesmen of the House of Commons. His oratory skills are matched by a solid social conscious and environmental commitment. A holder of Eco-Olympic Gold from the 2000 competitions in the Globalization Marathon, in 2004 Blaikie takes **GOLD** again for his consistent pressing of environmental issues in Parliament, from Kyoto to water privatization.

ELECTED

7) *Judy Wasylycia-Leis, NDP, Winnipeg North*

GOLD for Eco-Health Marathon

Although her portfolio shifted to finance, this eco-athlete is still remembered for her solid **GOLD** performance as Health critic. Her championship of better standards of health protection, protection for whistle blowers and controls on GMOs and pesticides earned her Eco-Olympic **GOLD** for the second time.

DEFEATED

8) *Glen Murray, Liberal, Charles Wood-St. James*

SILVER for City-Cycling

Winnipeg's former Mayor, Glenn Murray (check spelling!) made a name for himself as a champion for eco-initiatives at the city level. A strong supporter of Kyoto, he also pushed public transit and green causes at the municipal level.

ONTARIO

ELECTED

1) *The Honourable Aileen Carroll, Minister for International Development, Liberal, Barrie*

SILVER medal for Endangered Species 100 Yard Dash

Solid team work among back-benchers in the former Chretien government forced that government to amendments to improve the bill and protect the role of science in setting species protection measures. Aileen Carroll receives a medal for that work and for her role as former chair of the Caucus committee on Sustainable Development.

DEFEATED

2) *Peter Tabuns, NDP, Beaches-East York*

GOLD medal in the Greenpeace Freestyle

Leaving a post as Executive Director of Greenpeace Canada, this former city councillor has a lot in common with Jack Layton. City politics, the same staff, and more...Meanwhile, Tabuns has earned his **GOLD** for leading the Canadian arm of Greenpeace through Canada's Kyoto debate.

ELECTED

3) *Maria Minna, Liberal, Beaches-East York*

BRONZE for Environmental Teamwork

Maria Minna has a long and healthy track record as an Eco-Olympian. Minna has been a strong supporter of protection of endangered species, climate change action and toxic substances. Her role as head of CIDA concentrated on the importance of education of women and girls, the number one approach to control global population.

DEFEATED

4) *Dan Wicklum, Liberal, Carleton-Lanark*

BRONZE for Environmental Tennis “in the system”

This first time candidate has a doctorate in environmental science and has shown a strong environmental commitment from inside the “system.” Working in the Canadian Forest Service, Dan Wicklum demonstrated a consistent environmental commitment.

DEFEATED

5) *Mark Viitala, Green Party, Trinity Spadina*

GOLD for Roller Blade Event

This roller-blading eco-leader is chair of the Sierra Club of Canada GTA Group. His volunteer work shows a passion and depth of commitment rarely seen in politics—except for Olivia Chow!

ELECTED

6) *John Godfrey, Liberal, Don Valley West*

GOLD for Kyoto Shot-Put

A genuine hero of the Parliamentary Kyoto debate, John Godfrey applied his evident brilliance to command knowledge of the climate change science and rally round the Liberal caucus to call upon former Prime Minister Chrétien to ratify Kyoto, without insisting on the bogus so-called “clean energy export” credits. A solid **GOLD** performance.

GOLD for Municipal Teamwork

As Parliamentary Secretary reporting to Prime Minister Paul Martin, Godfrey has played a key role in setting the Liberal Party’s New Deal for Cities. Thanks to Godfrey, and advisor former B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt, the New Deal for Cities is a Good Deal for the environment and urban quality of life.

DEFEATED

7) *Gar Knutson, Liberal, Elgin-Middlesex-London*

A long time member of the House of Commons Environment Committee and a great supporter of environmental causes, Knutson was named Minister of State for New and Emerging Markets.

GOLD for Environmental Teamwork

As a member of the environment Committee and as former Parliamentary Secretary to former Prime Minister Chrétien, Gar Knutson was a consistent voice for action on climate change, to protect endangered species and to protect Canadians from the health threats of toxic chemicals.

DEFEATED

8) *Joe Jordan, Liberal, Leeds-Grenville*

GOLD for Environmental Marathon

Joe Jordan is a solid **GOLD** Eco-Olympic athlete. His work in pursuing environmental indicators and a better quality of life index, through his Private Members' bills, are globally significant. His work on behalf of species at risk and action on Climate Change have earned the appreciation of green fans of Eco-Olympics from coast to coast.

ELECTED

9) *Sue Barnes, Liberal, London West*

BRONZE for Eco-Science

This solid Eco-Olympian, who attended and climbed every Eco-Summit, has been a major supporter of boosting science research. Her work to increase science research for medical purposes is matched by her support in Parliament for more climate change and Arctic research.

ELECTED

10) *Bonnie Brown, Liberal, Oakville*

BRONZE for Eco-Health High Jump

As former chair of the House Committee on Health, Bonnie Brown was a consistent supporter of environmental initiatives, from protection of species at risk to climate change.

ELECTED

11) *Ed Broadbent, NDP, Ottawa Centre*

GOLD for the Eco-Comeback Kid

OK, so maybe Ed Broadbent is no kid, but he is making quite a comeback. His **GOLD** medal for Eco-Olympics is based on decades of support to environmental causes. Out of politics he continued work for human rights and social justice, while lending his name to key environmental initiatives like Kyoto.

DEFEATED

12) David Chernushenko, Green Party, Ottawa Centre

GOLD for the Real Eco-Games

A true Eco-Olympian, David Chernushenko has worked for years to ensure that athletic activities and the Olympic Games themselves met a high standard for environmental performance. Chernushenko is not just “another Green Party candidate.” He stands out in the crowd as a thoroughly knowledgeable, pragmatic and committed leader for the greening of all our activities.

ELECTED

13) David McGuinty, Liberal, Ottawa South

GOLD for Eco-Table Tennis

This first time contestant in the federal Games has an impressive track record in Eco-Olympics. McGuinty has a background in international environmental law and worked as the CEO of the National Round Table on Environment and Economy.

ELECTED

14) Mauril Bélanger, Liberal, Ottawa-Vanier

GOLD for Eco-Heavy Lifting

Mauril Bélanger takes a **GOLD** for his work in support of the backbenchers revolt on species at risk, his support for the Kyoto Protocol and work on issues related to human cloning and GMOs. Bélanger has demonstrated a consistent and strong level of Eco-Olympic spirit.

ELECTED

15) Marlene Catterall, Liberal, Ottawa West-Nepean

GOLD for Eco-Marathon

A long-distance runner, this veteran MP has demonstrated a deep environmental commitment. On numerous issues, from Sydney Tar Ponds to climate change, Marlene Catterall has been a superb Eco-competitor.

DEFEATED

16) *Peggy Nash, NDP, Parkdale-High Park*

GOLD for the Public Transit Triathlon

Peggy Nash, an avid marathon runner, helped draft the NDP's Green Car Strategy, is a spokesperson for the Public Transit for the Public Good and has been a vocal opponent of the Front Street Extension.

GOLD for Protecting the Commons Challenge

In addition to her work on sustainable transportation Peggy Nash is a strong advocate for clean air, clean water, and mandatory labeling of genetically modified foods. She is a long-time activist for peace and human rights and is one of the most well rounded political athletes in the green games.

ELECTED

17) *The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State (Public Health), Liberal, St.Paul's*

SILVER for Eco-Health

This medical doctor has always performed well in the Eco-Marathon of issues. Her firm grip on public health issues has served her well in supporting environmental health initiatives in Parliament.

ELECTED

18) *Jim Karygiannis, Liberal, Scarborough-Agincourt*

SILVER for the Green Transport High Jump

Recently elevated to Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and the Environment, Jim Karygiannis wasted no time in setting new Eco-Olympic records for being fast off the mark. Within days, Karygiannis was calling for support for the purchase of hybrid and energy efficient vehicles. He attempted to pull together a car summit to pursue better mileage for Canadian cars, although the car makers declined to come on the same day as environmentalists, at least Karygiannis got the ball rolling.

GOLD for the Radioactive Relay

For many years, Jim Karygiannis has been an outspoken critic of the billions of dollars of subsidies to the nuclear industry in Canada. Jim Karygiannis won his GOLD medal for opposing export of CANDU reactors to Turkey.

DEFEATED

19) Peter Elgie, Green Party, St. Paul's

GOLD for Eco-Long Distance Runner

Peter Elgie is a veteran Green candidate. As the Green Party moves ever closer to its place as a mainstream party, his early work for the Party and for many local Toronto environmental causes, earns his **GOLD**.

ELECTED

20) Paul DeVillers, Liberal, Simcoe North

BRONZE for Eco-Olympic Rowing Event

Paul DeVillers won his Eco-Olympic **BRONZE** medal for strong team work with the Environment Committee in the House. The medal, awarded in the 2000 federal Eco-Olympics Games, was won again in the recent games through support for Green caucus colleagues.

DEFEATED

21) Bruce Hyer, NDP, Thunder Bay-Superior

GOLD for Anti-Pesticide Marathon

Bruce Hyer has a long Eco-Olympic track record for decades of work on behalf of Ontario wilderness and against the use of toxic chemicals as forest pesticides.

ELECTED

22) The Honourable Bill Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Liberal, Toronto Centre

GOLD for avoiding the Coalition of the Willing

Environmental concerns also extend to opposing the greatest source of pollution in the world: the military. The U.S. invasion of Iraq, without U.N. sanction or approval, was likely also motivated

by a U.S. desire to obtain Iraqi oil. All and all, one of the most impressive **GOLDS** in this Eco-Olympics is Graham's performance.

DEFEATED

23) Michael Shapcott, NDP, Toronto Centre

SILVER for Homes not Sprawl Marathon

As a founder of Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, Michael Shapcott's steadfast work on the homelessness crisis has been a direct challenge to sprawl.

ELECTED

24) Jack Layton, NDP, Toronto-Danforth

These medals are in addition to the rare **GOLD** medal for Pairs competition, awarded to Jack Layton and Paul Martin in their previous partnership work as Minister of Finance and head of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. (see above).

GOLD for Kyoto Relay

Jack Layton is the best informed and most experienced practitioner in meeting climate change targets ever to be a national party leader. His experience at the municipal level, first locally through the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, and then nationally as head of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, has given him a wealth of knowledge and experience. He has delivered solid **GOLD** performances in energy retrofits, application of district energy, creation of the Smog Summit, and advancing renewables.

GOLD for Eco-Justice

In recognition of his work in protesting the human rights and environmental violations of the Niger delta and abuse of Ogoni peoples, this **GOLD** was earned in Layton's municipal work to boycott Shell.

DEFEATED

25) Jim Harris, Green Party, Toronto-Danforth

SILVER for Greening Politics

Jim Harris's **SILVER** is due to his role as leader of the Green Party. He has advanced the environmental policies of his party and in doing so is leading the party at the height of its national electoral impact.

DEFEATED

26) Olivia Chow, NDP, Toronto-Spadina

GOLD for Eco-Biking

Olivia Chow is well known for her **GOLD** medal performance in advancing clean air, public health and improved transport alternatives. Her consistent support on Car Free Day, strong opposition to the U.S. War in Iraq, for protecting health by banning pesticides for cosmetic use, and greenhouse gas reduction within the City of Toronto merit her **GOLD**. Olivia Chow “walks the talk” and is frequently seen biking to and from City Hall and public events.

ELECTED

27) Tony Ianno, Liberal, Toronto-Spadina

BRONZE for Species at Risk Race

Tony Ianno really poured on the talent in working to improve the species at risk bill. This **BRONZE** reflects his efforts, working with an unprecedented back-bencher rebellion, to strengthen the role of science in a bill otherwise too weak to support.

ELECTED

28) Joe Comartin, NDP, Windsor-Tecumseh

GOLD for Asbestos Heavy Lifting

On an issue most Canadians thought had gone away, Joe Comartin has been demonstrating **GOLD** medal leadership. Comartin co-chaired the international conference on asbestos in September 2003 and has worked tirelessly to expose this killer of Canadian workers and thousands more through exports of Canadian asbestos overseas.

GOLD for Clearing the Air Relay

As Environment Critic for the NDP, Joe Comartin has been a consistent champion for cleaning the air, removing toxic substances and meeting Kyoto targets. Comartin is a true Eco-Olympics champion.

ELECTED

29) *Brian Masse, NDP, Windsor West*

BRONZE for Environmental Team Work

In Masse's two years in Parliament, he has been a consistent supporter of environmental initiatives. Eco-Olympic judges note his support for reviewing NAFTA's environmental impacts.

QUEBEC

DEFEATED

1) *The Honorable Helene Scherrer, Minister of Heritage, Liberal, Louis-Hebert*

SILVER for Sustainable Development Teamwork

As chair of the Liberal caucus Sustainable Development Committee, Sherrer demonstrated her Eco-Athletic abilities. She chaired during the critical debates over ratification of Kyoto helping to coordinate the green voices in Liberal Caucus.

DEFEATED

2) *Judy Grant, Conservative, Pontiac*

SILVER for Pesticide Pole Vaulting

This first time entrant to the federal Games earned her **SILVER** at the municipal level. Judy Grant was Mayor of Chelsea when the municipality passed its by-law prohibiting the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. If elected, she'll have a major Eco-Olympian challenge in educating Conservative caucus colleagues. They have been close to the pesticide industry in lobbying against such efforts.

ELECTED

3) *Eleni Bakopanos, Liberal, Abitibi-Temiscamingue*

BRONZE for Kyoto Relay

Eleni Bakopanos has a solid record of supporting key environmental initiatives, including Kyoto, better Arctic scientific research and for reduced exposure to toxics. The mentor of many Parliamentary Eco-Olympians, Clifford Lincoln, could always count on strong support from this Member of Parliament.

ELECTED

4) Francis Scarpaleggia, Liberal, Lac-Saint-Louis

GOLD for Eco-Endurance

Francis Scarpaleggia earned his **GOLD** as a member of the Clifford Lincoln Parliamentary Team. Known for swimming against the tide, this team always delivered solid **GOLD** performances in every Eco-Olympic event.

ELECTED

5) Marlene Jennings, Liberal, Notre-Dame-de-Grace-Lachine

GOLD for Eco-Marathon

This is a second **GOLD** medal performance from Marlene Jennings. One of the strongest advocates for controlling the use of potentially lethal toxic pesticides in the House of Commons, her 2000 Eco-Olympic **GOLD** was for her private members bill to ban pesticides from cosmetic and frivolous uses. Her continuing solid **GOLD** efforts now extend to support for ratification of Kyoto and protection of species at risk.

ELECTED

6) Monique Guay, Bloc Quebecois, Riviere-du-Nord

GOLD for Eco-Health

This is a first **GOLD**, but second Eco-Olympic medal for Monique Guay. In the 2000 Eco-Olympics, she earned **SILVER** for her work on pesticides. The long haul of Green Game marathons now recognizes her work on many subjects reflected in the Bloc platform, including a moratorium on GMOs.

ELECTED

7) The Right Honourable Paul Martin, Liberal, LaSalle-Emard

SILVER for 100 Yard Eco-Dash

This is Martin's third medal placing in the Eco-Olympics. In 2000, he earned a **BRONZE** for his efforts as Finance minister. This year, he takes home the **GOLD** in pairs work, held jointly with Jack Layton, as well as this **SILVER** awarded for his first few months as Prime Minister. Since December, Martin re-committed to Kyoto targets in the Speech from the Throne, delivered the first serious money to clean up of toxic waste sites across Canada (\$4 billion), including a commitment to move forward in cleaning up the Sydney Tar Ponds, and raised to a national level

the need for a New Deal for Cities, including diverting some much needed cash for urban public transit.

DEFEATED

8) *Rebecca Blaikie, NDP, LaSalle-Emard*

SILVER for in the Anti-Globalization Marathon

This first time entrant into the federal Green Games has already earned **SILVER** for her commitment to the Earth. She was part of the legal and responsible demonstrators against the Free Trade Area of the Americas in Quebec City. Running against the Prime Minister is further evidence of her willingness to take on seemingly impossible odds. A strong Eco-Olympic challenger, judges hope to see her in future games.

ELECTED

9) *Bernard Bigras, Bloc Quebecois, Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie*

GOLD for Eco-Marathon

As environment critic for the Bloc Quebecois, Bernard Bigras has been a consistent **GOLD** medal performer. The Bloc platform reflects a strong record, from pesticide controls to a moratorium on GMOs, to pushing for Kyoto ratification.

DEFEATED

10) *Brian Sarwer-Foner, Green Party, Westmount Ville-Marie*

GOLD for Eco-Bike Relay

A well known Montreal activist with strong roots in the environmental community, Sarwer-Foner is a strong contender and **GOLD** medal holder.

ELECTED

11) *The Honourable Stéphane Dion, Liberal, Saint-Laurent-Cartierville*

BRONZE for Eco-Hurdles

This is a recently achieved performance. In the last session of Parliament, Dion served on the Environment Committee. He hit the ground running, impressing the Eco-Olympic judges with a determination to master the new policy area and excel in environmental protection.

NEW BRUNSWICK

ELECTED

1) The Honourable Andy Scott, Minister for Infrastructure, Liberal, Fredericton

SILVER for Greening Infrastructure Relay

As minister of infrastructure, Andy Scott has won Eco-Olympic **SILVER** for his work to ensure that tax dollars spent on infrastructure work to protect, not destroy local environments. Eco-Olympic judges look to continued strong eco-performance.

DEFEATED

2) John Herron, Liberal, Fundy

One of the House of Commons' strongest Eco-Olympians, Herron won three **GOLDS** in the 2000 federal Eco-Olympics. As Environment Critic for the late lamented Progressive Conservative Party, Herron was a stalwart on key issues, from endangered species to toxic chemicals. The comments from Harper when Herron left the new Alliance-Conservative party shocked Eco-Olympic judges. Harper could not have been more wrong in slamming Herron as not having done much. More of an indicator of how little Harper notices the environment, Harper's attack was a low and undeserved blow to a hard-working MP.

GOLD for Endangered Species Marathon

In 2003, Canada finally got a bill to protect species at risk. While not as strong as Herron and environmental groups would have liked, the bill was stronger due to his efforts.

GOLD for Hampton Wetland Protection

While a local issue, the support for protection of this key eco-system from the Member of Parliament was a welcome boost. As in 2000, when the Eco-Olympics noted Herron's support for the restoration of the Petitcodiac River, local efforts are matched by national scope in this Eco-Olympian.

NOVA SCOTIA

ELECTED

1) Rodger Cuzner, Liberal, Cape Breton-Canso

SILVER for Oil and Gas Relay

Rodger Cuzner demonstrated support for the concerns of local fishermen, tourism operators and environmentalists in raising issues of the threats to the sensitive ecosystems of in-shore Cape Breton. The concerns of federal scientists were ignored by the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, but Cuzner earned a **SILVER**.

DEFEATED

2) *Michael Marshall, Green Party, Dartmouth-Cole Harbour*

GOLD for Lifetime Eco-Marathon

Mike Marshall is no stranger to green politics, even if this is his first federal run. For the last three decades, Marshall has been involved in environmental work in Nova Scotia -- from starting recycling to pressing for Green Energy. A **GOLD** for enduring the loneliness of the long distance eco-marathoner.

ELECTED

3) *Alexa McDonough, NDP, Halifax*

GOLD for Eco-Health Relay

Alexa McDonough is so well known on the national stage and to Nova Scotians that her environmental achievements may be lost in the background of her other achievements in social policy. In the 2000 Eco-Olympics, Alexa McDonough won a **SILVER**. In 2004, the **GOLD** medal is awarded for her support for residents of Sydney who face toxic threats from the legacy of unregulated making of steel.

DEFEATED

4) *Martin Willison, Green Party, Halifax West*

GOLD for Eco-Iron Man

An ecologist, scientist and academic, Willison is a rare creature – an academic willing to go out on a limb. His work as an activist on behalf of wilderness in Nova Scotia earns him this **GOLD** medal in the 2004 Eco-Olympics.

ELECTED

5) *The Honourable Geoff Regan, Minister of Fisheries, Liberal, Halifax West*

BRONZE for Ocean Defence

As Minister of Fisheries, Regan has elevated the issues of the impact of foreign over-fishing. The seizing of a Portuguese fishing vessel was intended to send a signal to European fleets. Still, the **BRONZE** could have been **GOLD** if Regan had been as strong on conservation within Canadian waters. Disappointing were his decisions to delay protection of marine species at risk and re-opening a limited cod fishery in the Gulf.

ELECTED

6) *Peter Stoffer, NDP, Sackville-Eastern Shore*

GOLD for Eco-Wrestling

This is Peter Stoffer's second **GOLD**, having won in 2000 for the Oil and Gas Relay. This Eco-Olympics recognizes Stoffer's solid **GOLD** record for environmental performance. Stoffer is one of the true Eco-Champions of the House of Commons. He speaks up for fishermen, stands firm for climate change action, and works tirelessly to advance environmental protection, clean air and clean water. He wrestles any issue to the ground and deserves the thanks of Canadians from coast to coast.

ELECTED

7) *Mark Eyking, Liberal, Sydney-Victoria*

SILVER for Tar Ponds High Jump

Years of hard slogging by this MP, pushing for federal commitments to the clean up of the tar ponds, paid off with the Speech from the Throne and Budget commitments. As of May 12th, the two levels of government agreed to the rough outlines of a clean up plan. Eco-Olympic judges look to Eyking for support for protecting the health of the community through environmentally advanced clean up technology.

DEFEATED

8) *Kenzie McNeil, Conservative, Cape Breton-Canso*

GOLD for Eco-Marathon

For decades, Kenzie McNeil has been a voice, and often through song, for Cape Breton and its environment. He was part of the effort in the 1970s to prevent budworm spraying, opposed oil and gas exploration in near shore areas, and continues as an advocate for tar ponds clean up. With a switch to the new Conservative Party, he will find many colleagues in the caucus in need of serious tutorials on environmental issues.

DEFEATED

9) *Arthur Bull, NDP, West Nova*

SILVER for Fishing Derby

A new entrant in the federal games, Arthur Bull wins his first Eco-Olympic **SILVER** for his work in the fisheries and other local environmental issues. Local judges awarded high scores to Bull for his environmental commitment.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

DEFEATED

1) *Irene Novaczek, Green Party, Egmont*

GOLD for Eco-Triathlon

A first time entrant into the Federal games, Dr. Novaczek has a national reputation for solid science and environmental commitment. She has been an outspoken critic of the outrageous performance of the unelected and arbitrary pro-oil and gas regulators, the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board. Her work is always solid **GOLD**.

ELECTED

2) *Wayne Easter, Liberal, Malpeque*

GOLD for Marine High Dive

Whether as Solicitor General or as chair of the House Fisheries Committee, Wayne Easter has been a consistent voice for protecting the marine environment. Easter wins solid **GOLD**.

DEFEATED

3) *Sharon Labchuk, Green Party, Malpeque*

GOLD for Pesticide Marathon

Sharon Labchuk has a decades-long track record as a persistent and passionate critic of the abuse of pesticides on Prince Edward Island. Her entrance into the federal Games is a credit to the Green Party.

YUKON

ELECTED

- 1) *Larry Bagnell, Liberal, Yukon*

SILVER for Defence of the Arctic Refuge

Larry Bagnell earns **SILVER** for his enormous personal commitment to protecting the Arctic Refuge. The issue of the US Administration's efforts to drill in the Refuge has frequently taken Bagnell to Washington. While normally MP travel is covered through the Parliamentary budget, travel to the US as often as Bagnell had to travel is not. He is one of the few MPs in Eco-Olympic history to use his own funds to protect the environment.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

ELECTED

- 1) *Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Liberal, Western Arctic*

BRONZE for Kyoto

As a Northerner Ethel Blondin-Andrew was an authentic voice for action on climate change.

DEFEATED

- 2) *Dennis Bevington, NDP, Western Arctic*

GOLD for Renewable Energy Dash

One of the most knowledgeable advocates for renewable energy in the federal games, Bevington won this **GOLD** for his work in the Territories for sustainable and clean energy sources.

DEFEATED

- 3) *Chris O'Brien, Green Party, Western Arctic*

GOLD for Eco-Marathon

Chris is a founder of Ecology North, one of Canada's leading environmental groups. He is a car-free candidate, even if he is a former race car driver. A strong entrant in the Green Games, Chris O'Brien wins Eco-Olympic **GOLD** for the first time.

ELIMINATED DUE TO FAILING TO CLEAR THE D.R.U.G. SCREENING

Just as in the real Olympic Games, in the Eco-Olympics some athletes do not make it to the medal competition or lose their medals due to a failure to clear the DRUG screening. Unlike the real Olympics, the DRUG screening in the Eco-Olympics is not for performance enhancing substances. In this case, DRUG is an acronym for **Dreadful Regressive and Un-Green**. In the 2000 Eco-Olympics, two contenders were eliminated for D.R.U.G. offences. (Jean Chrétien and Rahim Jaffer).

1) *Stephen Harper, Conservative, Calgary Southwest - ELECTED*

As a national leader, there is a particular obligation to understand the science on climate change and take seriously Canada's international obligations. His position that the science is not clear and that he would, if elected repudiate the Kyoto Protocol, put Harper's policies in line with those of George Bush and against the great majority of scientists and national leaders of the planet.

Pledges to clean up other forms of air pollution are not enough to outweigh the serious and potentially irreversible damage of Harper's anti-Kyoto position.

2) *The Honorable John Efford, Minister of Natural Resources, Liberal, Avalon - ELECTED*

Efford has demonstrated a shoot from the hip approach to policy. He has been outrageously pro-nuclear, even advocating the re-tubing of Point Lepreau without even being aware that the N.B. Public Utilities Commission had ruled that spending more money on Lepreau were not in the public interest. He has even suggested in the heart of the oil patch that Canada might re-think Kyoto. Efford has called for expediting major fossil fuel mega-projects.

3) *Rahim Jaffir, Conservative, Edmonton Strathcona - ELECTED*

Once again, Jaffir has failed the D.R.U.G. screening for his aggressive anti-environmental views. Side by side with the pesticide industry, he will hold his ground ignoring the warnings of the Canadian Cancer Society and Ontario Family Physicians.