## 2003 BOBBIE STEEN AWARDS

The Bobbie Steen Legacy Foundation Award of \$1,000 is awarded to an <u>Emerging Leader</u> to further their education or to support programming which champions Women in the area of Sport and Physical Activity.

The 2003 Emerging Leader is the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association of BC

The Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Association of BC (ASRA) is the multi-sport umbrella organization for the Aboriginal people of British Columbia. Since its inception in 1989, it has been working towards increasing the opportunities for BC's Aboriginal people to fully access sport, physical activity and recreation activities.

"Strengthening the Circle", an initiative created by ASRA, involves supporting a network of Aboriginal female leaders dedicated to the development of the Aboriginal Sport Excellence Program. The mission of the Strengthening the Circle initiative is "to engage BC Aboriginal girls and women in the decisions that affect the quality of their sport, physical activity and recreation experiences." Strengthening the Circle is designed to foster in girls and women the desire to be leaders, and to meet the current and future needs of Aboriginal girls and women striving to reach their full athletic potential. For more information on ASRA and this initiative, please visit www.asra.ca.