

President's Award 2026

Presented to Greg Blaney

By James Dies

President of the Victoria Camera Club

A great club like ours relies on more than just a large membership and people attending meetings and events. It depends on individuals who organize those activities and ensure the smooth operation of the club. The club would not function without their dedication and selflessness. Often, these members devote long hours and hard work to maintain the welcoming and vibrant environment that allows everyone to enjoy the benefits of being part of this club.

The President's Award was established to recognise those individuals who go above and beyond for the club. It honours those who commit themselves to keeping the club running and successful. Many members contribute significantly, and the club's achievements are a direct result of their efforts.

Among all our dedicated members, there is one person whose hard work is essential to the club's operations. Most of us are unaware of the extent of his contributions behind the scenes, and without his efforts, the club would face significant challenges.

That person is Greg Blaney, our website administrator.

Greg was chosen for this award because of his exceptional work during a difficult transition with our website host. When Island Hosting, our previous provider, was acquired by Exact Hosting, immediate issues arose. Those who were present at the time know how disruptive it was—website communications broke down, and committees, SIGs, and board members could not send or receive emails internally.

Greg took ownership of the problem, working tirelessly day and night, including weekends, to resolve it. He collaborated with Steve Swtizer, our blog designer, and the new web host's support team, dedicating significant time and effort to get our website running properly again. Throughout the process, he remained focused on the problems despite continuous requests for progress reports by the president.

Even now, Greg and his team of Lori Moilanin and Richard Letourneau continue to maintain the website, ensuring it remains operational, even though most club members may not be aware of his and his teams ongoing work.

For these reasons, I am presenting this award to Greg tonight.