GERMAN CANADIAN FC RECEIVES 2013 OSA CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

German Canadian FC (GCFC) is proud to announce that they have been awarded the Silver designation for Club Excellence by the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA).

This ground-breaking Award entered the Canadian landscape in 2007 and continues to draw attention from Provincial Sport Organizations, National Sport Organizations and Multi Sport Organizations. The award is designed challenge Clubs to be the best they can and simultaneously strengthen the soccer system as a whole, ensuring that standards meet all required criteria surrounding 1) Governance; 2) Personnel; 3) Community; and 4) Technical.

Prior to the being awarded the silver designation- an OSA club excellence committee carefully examines that each of the approximately 30 standards are demonstrated within a club. German Canadian FC successfully met all required criteria.

The award is the result of the hard work by the German Canadian FC executive over the past 2 years. 'The award is the recognition- the REward is how much the process has helped our club in regards to proper administration- tying up loose ends- and improving the way we do business' says Eliot Pridoehl who coordinated the effort. Pridoehl also credits the Ontario Soccer Association for educating clubs in the province. 'This could not have been achieved without being educated by Jennifer Granger and the OSA. It's amazing how much positive change can be accomplished when people take the time to listen, work together, and share their knowledge. It's so refreshing.'

OSA Club Development provides support to Clubs across a range of services and in alignment with the *OSA Strategic Plan 2013-2015* addresses the need for Value, Communication, Promotion and Volunteer programming. Club Development also assists in the dissemination of soccer specific information related to Long Term Player Development, as well as generic best practice around.

Soccer clubs are seen as the hub of a community providing playing, coaching and volunteering opportunities to hundreds of members across the Province. A Club also plays the integral role in providing safe and secure locations for our youth and seniors to participate. Programs now run year-round in every corner of Ontario with a wide range of skill-sets and experience at the helm of each Club.

'Being awarded the silver award is an honour and significant achievement for GCFC', states Jurgen Klaus- club registrar. 'It is also indicative of the progress that we have made with our various programs for youth, women, men, and masters. The future looks good!'

German Canadian FC is one of Ontario's oldest competitive Soccer Clubs- founded in 1934. Over 75 years later GCFC has 18 OSA registered competitive/development teams including youth divisions (LDYSL), a men's competitive team (WOSL), the expansion of a strong women's program (LAWSL- all divisions), and significant growth in the men's masters program (MMSL).

Club Excellence Awardees will be recognised June 2nd 2013 in Toronto on the BMO big screen as part of the 15 minute build-up before the Canada vs. USA women's game. Representing German Canadian FC at the game will be Eliot Pridoehl (Club Excellence Champion).