

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks Department Awarded at ASA, MRPA Conferences

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The Ridgeland Recreation & Parks Department was recently recognized at two conferences for outstanding delivery of recreational services and facilities.

In October, at the Mississippi Recreation & Parks Association Annual Conference in Tupelo, MS, Ridgeland Recreation & Parks received the ***Class II (Population !5,000 – 35,000) Special Events Award of Merit*** for their ***Major League Soccer Game***. The award is given annually in recognition of excellence in special events programming.

In November, at the Amateur Softball Association National Conference, Ridgeland received the ***2007 James Ferrell ASA Award of Excellence*** for hosting one of the highest rated ASA National Championships during 2007. All eight national championships held in Ridgeland have received this honor.

Also at the Amateur Softball Association National Conference, Ridgeland's Freedom Ridge Park was selected as the ***2007 ASA Complex of the Year*** presented by Stabilizer Solutions Ballyard Products. The award is given annually to the nation's best softball complex as determined by the Amateur Softball Association.

Below is a list of awards bestowed upon the City of Ridgeland and its Recreation & Parks Department since 2003.

- 2003 Associated Builders and Contractors Excellence in Construction Award – Freedom Ridge Park
- 2003 MRPA Facility Design Award of Merit – Freedom Ridge Park
- 2003 James Ferrell ASA Award of Excellence for Hosting Two of the Highest Rated ASA National Championships
- 2004 MRPA Therapeutic Recreation Award of Merit – TopSoccer & HOOPS Basketball
- 2004 James Ferrell ASA Award of Excellence for Hosting One of the Highest Rated ASA National Championships
- 2005 MRPA Special Events Award of Merit – Heatwave Classic Triathlon
- 2005 MRPA Profession of the Year – Chris Chance
- 2005 James Ferrell ASA Award of Excellence for Hosting Two of the Highest Rated ASA National Championships
- 2006 MRPA Therapeutic Recreation Award of Merit – Lose the Training Wheels
- 2006 James Ferrell ASA Award of Excellence for Hosting Two of the Highest Rated ASA National Championships
- 2007 MRPA Class II Special Events Award of Merit – Major League Soccer
- 2007 James Ferrell ASA Award of Excellence for Hosting One of the Highest Rated ASA National Championships
- 2007 ASA Complex of the Year presented by Stabilizer Solutions Ballyard Products