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4th Annual Sports Recognition Banquet

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Cocktails—6:00p.m.

Dinner—7:00p.m.

Best Western

Brant Park Inn

Brantford, Ontario

About the BSC

The Brantford Sports Council was established in March of 2005, after an initiative by the Sport Alliance to have community sports councils as representative bodies throughout the province. The purpose of the organization is to improve the delivery of sports in our community.

The Brantford Sports Council has taken on several initiatives during their brief existence, not the least of which is tonight's banquet. The Council has worked diligently on a funding formula that would allow for fair distribution of municipal grant monies to the minor sports that use city facilities. The BSC has held several workshops and clinics to help minor sports organizations with their by-laws and constitutions to make sure that the athletes, coaches, and volunteers are protected by their governing body.

BSC Member Organizations

Brantford Aquatic Club
Brantford District Football Club
Brantford Youth Flag Football
Brantford Minor Softball
Brantford Minor Baseball
Brantford Minor Hockey
Brantford Church Hockey
Brantford Girls Hockey
Brantford Inter-City Soccer
Brantford Minor Lacrosse
Brant Skating Club
Brantford Synchro Club
Brantford Track and Field
Brantford City Soccer Club

BRANTFORD'S SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR WINNERS

1976 BILL MOFFAT - BASEBALL
1977 WALLY KALICHUK - HOCKEY
1978 GARY SUMMERHAYES - BOXING
1979 WAYNE GRETZKY - HOCKEY
1980 LIZ POLYAK - TRACK & FIELD
1981 DAVE CHEETHAM - BASEBALL
1982 WAYNE GRETZKY - HOCKEY
1983 FRANK BRICKER - BOXING
1984 TED WEIRDA - BASEBALL & BASKETBALL
1985 RICK MANNEN - LONG DISTANCE RUNNING
1986 EDITH HAYMAN - BADMINTON
1987 STEVE BROWN - GAMES FOR DISABLED
1988 KEVIN SULLIVAN - TRACK & FIELD
1989 LYDIA VAMOS - SOCCER
1990 BOB & LAUREL BARNES - BASEBALL & HOCKEY
1991 BETH RICHARDSON - BADMINTON
1992 JULIE HOWARD - SWIMMING
1993 KEVIN SULLIVAN - TRACK & FIELD
1994 ROGER DAVIS - OVERALL CONTRIBUTION
1995 PAUL POLLILO - HOCKEY
1996 JULIE HOWARD - SWIMMING
1997 WALTER GRETZKY - OVERALL CONTRIBUTION
1998 TED DECOTEAU - OVERALL CONTRIBUTION
1999 PAT SHEWCHUK - SPORTS PROMOTION
2000 KEVIN SULLIVAN - TRACK & FIELD
2001 DENNIS KINGS - COACHING CONTRIBUTION TO BASKETBALL
2002 JORDAN SZOKE - MOTORCYCLING ROAD RACING
2003 NATASHA FILLIOL - TRIATHLON
2004 DAVID HEARN - GOLF
2005 CINDY EADIE - SOFTBALL & HOCKEY
2006 NICK KACZUR - FOOTBALL
2007 MIKE BERES - BADMINTON
2008 PETER HAM—HOCKEY

The Frank Tomlin Memorial Award

This award is named in honour of the late Frank Tomlin, who passed away in 1976. Tomlin is remembered as a great sports fan that was passionate about his city and those who represented it. Gord Showler, who at the time of Frank's death was a sponsor of Brantford's Junior 'B' franchise, initiated the award.

Each year, the Frank Tomlin award recognizes an individual from Brantford who's contribution to sport has had a great impact on this community. The winner of the award must be active in the sport for which they are nominated, however work done in previous years is also taken into consideration. No individual can win the award in consecutive years but the award can be won by the same individual more than once.

2008 Frank Tomlin Award Winner – Peter Ham

Peter Ham has been involved in the community of Brantford for the last 35 years. His efforts include operating Senior Hockey Teams, Major Junior A Hockey Clubs or promoting players from this city to play at a higher level. The community has been involved in every team as supporters and the fans have travelled throughout the province and country to watch his teams perform.

Peter's wife, Judy, his children, Laurie, Bob and Lindsay have been right there every step of the way. The next generation of the Ham family, grandsons, Dawson, Dalton and Owen will see the work of their grandfather in this community and will later in life play on a team that grandpa operates and bring home another National Championship to the City of Brantford.

2008-2009 Brantford Sports Council

Bill Harding – Chair
Alan Kellam – Vice-Chair
Rhonda Boylan – Secretary
Jim Turnbull – Treasurer
Ron Birkett – Director
Trudy Ion – Director
Carmine Romano – Director
Don Wilcock – Director
Dominic D'Amato – Director
Dave Beech – Director
Bob Hollingsworth – Past Chair
Larry Kings – PRW Board Representative
Bob McGeein – PRW Board Representative

Award Namesake Profiles

Jack Calbeck Memorial – Lifetime Sports Sponsorship

For many years, Jack Calbeck was a not only a leader in the business community in Brantford, but he was a leader in his generosity to worthwhile causes in our city. Jack always had a passion for sports and as such, he was a great supporter of sporting groups at all levels and was not only generous with his time, but also with his financial support.

The Brantford Sports Council is proud to present this award for the first time and to recognize those groups and businesses that help to make sport possible in our city.

2009 Nominees Bisons Alumni
 Brant Branch Foresters
 South Brant Legion #463

Award Namesake Profiles

Frank Bricker Memorial – Male Youth Leadership

During his time, Frank Bricker was a legend in the sport of boxing. Known by many in the ranks of Ontario Boxing as 'Mr. Boxing', Frank is best known in Brantford for his events in the development of the Summerhayes boys, the three boxing brothers who competed in national and international level competition. All 3 turned pro in 1970, and became the only set of three brothers to compete on the same card at Madison Square Garden, an accomplishment that can be attributed to Bricker's work. Through his efforts, he put Brantford on the world boxing map for his ability to teach and train high calibre boxers.

2009 Nominees Kaiden Bowers
 Luke Makarchuk
 Traynor Turkiewicz

Phyllis Gretzky Memorial – Female Youth Leadership

Phyllis is likely the least famous member of Canada's first family of hockey, but many will tell you that she was the most important one. It was her dedication to her family that allowed Wayne to have the kind of success that he did. She was the family stalwart who kept everything cool and collected throughout Wayne's rise to stardom, doing whatever was necessary behind the scenes to make sure that everything was as normal as it could have been. Her quiet leadership was the glue that kept the foundation together.

2009 Nominees Erika Gardiner
 Samantha Hayward

George Churchill Memorial – Sports Volunteer of the Year

Had the category existed during his day, George Churchill would have found himself nominated for this award for decades. His tireless work with the track and field program here in Brantford allowed Brantford to become a hub for some of the best competitions in the sport. He was the man behind the organization and execution of just about every meet during the 60's, 70's, 80's, and even in to the 90's. He was also the coach of Brantford's first track and field member to make the Olympic Games, with Debbie Miller in 1968.

2009 Nominees Shawn Boyle
 Gerard Burke
 Suzanne Paulins
 Andrew Pilkington

Jimmy Wilkes Memorial– Team of the Year

When you talk about the sport of baseball in Brantford, the conversation will inevitably include the name Jimmy Wilkes. Wilkes has been a legend of baseball in this community ever since arriving to play with the Brantford Red Sox in 1953. He was involved with the league as a player, then as an umpire, for over 30 years. His quiet leadership helped lead the Red Sox to several championships, as well as with the development of many players throughout the Inter-County league as well as Brantford Minor Baseball.

2009 Nominees 2008 BCI Senior Boys Rugby Team
 Brant Synchro Club Tier 5/6 Team
 CYO Falcons Atom Girls AAA Basketball Team

John Macklin Memorial – Coach of the Year

Macklin began coaching and officiating track and field in Brantford in 1966, and continued through until 1994. During his time, he helped to coach many athletes from Brantford who would go on to national and international competition, including the likes of Liz Polyak, Kevin Sullivan and Rick Mannen. Along the way, he became a respected official on the international stage, officiating at almost every national and international meet in Canada during the 1970's and 1980's. On top of coaching and officiating, he also was the organizer of the Brant County Track and Field and Cross Country championships for many years.

2009 Nominees Wayne Balzereit
 Chris Haase
 Peter Pomponio

George Jones Memorial – Lifetime Volunteerism

Jones will forever be remembered as the man who built the sport of rugby with his bare hands. George started the Brantford Harlequins rugby club in 1950, and used his own money to purchase the land on which to build the rugby club. During his 50+ years as a player and coach of the sport, George helped to develop decades of championship teams and high calibre athletes. His development of the sport locally was just part of his accomplishment, as he is directly responsible for most of the rugby clubs and school programs that can be found in south western Ontario. His tireless dedication to the sport is shown in every athlete who played for George, and his love for the game has built a sports legacy in our community.

2009 Nominees Kathy Brachlow
 Ted Leyzer
 Jason Little