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6th Annual Sports Recognition Banquet

Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Cocktails—6:00p.m.
Dinner—7:00p.m.
Branlyn Community Centre
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.

2010 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
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2010 BSC Board Members

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| Bob Hollingsworth | Carmine Romano |
| Bill Harding | Rhonda Boylan |
| Jim Turnbull | Ron Birkett |
| Dave Beech | Allan Kellam |
| Bob Coyne | Trudy Ion |
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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
2009 JENNIFER KIRBY—GOLF
2010 PAUL AUCOIN—BASEBALL

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.

2010 Frank Tomlin Award Winner – Paul Aucoin

Paul was born in Nova Scotia, and moved to Brantford as a child. As a lifelong baseball fan he coached minor baseball in Brantford as a teenager, was a Brantford Braves batboy and Brantford Braves GM at age 16.

Paul's interests include far more than just baseball. He has coached in the Brantford Briers basketball system for 10 years and helped to start up the Norfolk Youth Basketball Association. He has also been involved in many civic activities not only as a contributor to many local organizations and charities but he was also the Co-Chair of the committee that helped to raise \$1 million for renovations to the Waterford Arena.

In 2002, Paul took over as the owner of the Brantford Red Sox of the Intercounty Baseball League and has been a great success both on and off the field. When Paul first took over the team, there was a very meagre following for the club and limited success on the field. Since then, the team has been a perennial contender for the league pennant and the attendance has reached 3000 people for some of the recent playoff games.

In 2010, the Brantford Red Sox won the Intercounty Baseball League Championship four games to two in the best-of-seven final. It was the third consecutive championship for the club and the fourth in five years. In fact, they were within one game of winning the 2007 championships which would have been five consecutive league championships. This is the first time a team has won three consecutive championships since the Red Sox won five straight titles from 1959 to 1963.

Paul is married to Janice his wife of 25 years, has three children - Clayton, PJ and Michael and is the former owner of Atlas Hydraulics here in Brantford.

It is our great pleasure to name Paul Aucoin the winner of the Frank Tomlin Memorial Award as Brantford Sportsperson of the Year.

Award Namesake Profiles

Adrian Scherders Memorial—Sportsmanship and Dedication

Adrian Scherders' passion for sports began as a multi-sport athlete, including his annual quest to run in the Boston to Brantford race. His passion for sports grew into a love for coaching soccer, hockey and lacrosse. Throughout the years, he took an active role in coaching the teams that his children played on no matter what sport it was that they wanted to play. Whether it was other people's children or his own, his goal was to teach youth about dedication, good sportsmanship and playing with integrity. Adrian would be very honoured to know that this award is being named in his memory.

2010 Nominees Mitch Brown
 Rachel Cleary
 Paul Kloetstra-Merritt
 Madison Parks

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 and to recognize those groups and businesses that help to make sport possible in our city.

2010 Nominees Boston Pizza
 Brant Naval Veterans' Association
 Roger Davis
 Tim Horton's

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.

2010 Nominees Duncan Dubicki
 Tyler Mirco
 Andrew Wilhelm

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.

2010 Nominees Spencer Candy
 Tori Candy
 Claudia DiFrancesco
 Kelly Van Leeuwen

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.

2010 Nominees John Edgar
 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.

2010 Nominees Assumption College Senior Football Team
 BICS U16 Girls’ Soccer Phantoms
 12& Under Competitive Synchro Team
 U12 Girls’ Major Atom AAA CYO Falcons

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.

2010 Nominees Hugo De Grandis
 Kelly Ireland
 Clive Perry

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.

2010 Nominees Edith Hayman